

**Proceedings of the fourth session of the Assam Legislative Assembly
Assembled under the Sovereign Democratic Republican Constitution
of India.**

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 1-30 P.M., on Friday, the 31st August, 1951.

PRESENT

The Hon'ble Srijut Lakshesvar Borooah, Speaker, in the Chair, the eight Hon'ble Ministers, the three Deputy Ministers and forty-eight Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral Answers were given)

Opening of Telephone Service at Nowgong

Maulavi AFAZUDDIN AHMED asked :

*2. (a) Are Government aware that the public of Nowgong have been experiencing great inconveniences for want of telephonic facilities ?

(b) Do Government propose to move the Central Government to open telephone service at Nowgong ?

The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA replied :

2. (a)—Government have no information.
(b)—Not at present.

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE : May I know from Government whether they are aware that the people of Nowgong do feel the necessity of having telephone service there and have made a representation in this connection ?

The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA : If we receive any representation from the citizens of Nowgong to have the telephone service there the proposal will be considered.

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE : Are not Government aware that the people of Nowgong are already experiencing inconveniences for want of telephonic facilities and are asking for establishment of telephonic connections ?

The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA : The reply has already been made to this Question, Sir.

Srijut HALADHAR BHUYAN : Are Government aware that the authorities concerned are agreeable to accept all the terms and conditions to instal telephonic connection at Nowgong ?

The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA : Up till now Government have no such information.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which Answers were laid on the table)

Number of Tea Gardens in the State and total acreage of lands held by them

Srijut NALINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI asked :

20. Will Government be pleased to state—
- The number of Tea Gardens in the State and total acreage of lands held by them ?
 - The total area of lands under actual tea cultivation and total area lying waste ?
 - Whether any waste land in the Tea Gardens has been reclaimed for growing more food crops and for rehabilitation of the displaced persons during 1949 and 1950 ?
 - The total quantity of food produced from the above waste lands or total number of displaced persons rehabilitated in that area ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister) replied :

20. (a)—(d) —The informations are not available at the moment. These are being obtained from the local officers and will be supplied to the hon. Member when received.

Areas affected by the floods in Nowgong District

Maulavi AFAZUDDIN AHMED asked :

21. Will Government be pleased to state—
- The areas affected by the floods of the Kapili and the Brahmaputra rivers in the district of Nowgong recently ?
 - The number of families affected thereby ?
 - The nature and extent of reliefs given to the affected persons ?

22. (a) Is it a fact that Koladoba and several other villages in the Juria and Alitangani Mauzas in the district of Nowgong have been eroded and silted by the recent flood of the Brahmaputra destroying Ahu and Jute crops of about 3,000 acres ?

(b) What steps do Government propose to take to rehabilitate the people thus affected ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister) replied :

21. (a)—A total area of about 1,71,999 bighas was affected.
 (b)—The number of families affected has not yet been surveyed.
 (c)—Rupees 1,50,000

was sanctioned for agricultural seed and cattle loan and Rs.5,000 for gratuitous relief. A relief committee consisting of officials and non-officials was formed and arrangements made for necessary relief to the distressed people. The people of low-lying areas were shifted to higher lands where necessary. Relief centres were opened at different places. Rice,

Chira, Muri, Gur and Salt, etc., were supplied as free doles. The District Medical staff rendered necessary medical aid to the affected people. Cheap grain shops were opened at different places. Rice in those shops was distributed to the affected people at controlled rate through the local Co-operative Trading Society. Ahu and Sali seeds were supplied at controlled rates to the affected people where necessary.

22. (a)—Government have no information. A report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

(b)—Does not arise.

Site for the Gauhati University

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR asked : * 112

23. Are Government aware—

(a) That the major portion of the lands excepting the hilly portion selected for the site of the Gauhati University goes under deep water during every rainy season ?

(b) That the lands are liable to be so submerged every year ?

(c) That several lakhs of rupees shall have to be expended in raising these low lands before they can be made fit for use ?

(d) That the lands are otherwise unsuitable for an educational institution like a University as they lie in close proximity of an ever expanding Railway Station, namely Pandu ?

24. (a) Do Government propose to reconsider their former decision and decide to shift the site at least on the economic grounds to some other site near the Gauhati Town which they may deem suitable ?

(b) If not, why not ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS replied :

23. (a)—The total area of land which will be acquired for the University is 2,500 bighas. Of this approximately 660 bighas is high plains land above flat level; 260 bighas approximately is covered by hills and the remaining 1,580 bighas odd are low and subjected to floods. It cannot, however, be said that all the low-lying lands go under deep water.

(b)—Yes, the low-lying lands go under water every year during the rains.

(c)—According to the revised plans for the main building of the University it is not intended to raise structures except on high ground.

(d)—The proposed constructions for the University are sufficiently removed from the Pandu Railway Station to cause no inconvenience to the University.

24. (a)—No.

(b)—The site has been considered to be ideal by the University Commission.

Occupation of three Villages in Goalpara District by Pakistan Government

Srijut BELIRAM DAS asked : * 117

25. (a) Will the Hon'ble the Home Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that three villages in the Goalpara district have recently been forcibly occupied by the Pakistan Government ?

- (b) What are the names of these villages ?
- (c) What precautionary measures, if any, the Government of Assam took to prevent Pakistan from forcibly occupying these three villages ?
- (d) What steps Government have taken to take back these villages from such forcible occupation by Pakistan ?
- (e) Is Government aware that the Government of Pakistan have been raising Pakistan Defence Parties and giving proper trainings to the Pakistan nationals, particularly areas bordering the State of Assam ?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI replied :

25. (a)—From information in the possession of this Government it appears that the island of Chalapara and about one mile of Assam territory in the island of Daikhowachar have been encroached upon by the Pakistan Government.

(b)—The names have been given in the answer to (a) above.

(c)—No Assam Police were permanently posted prior to the encroachment on these islands and, therefore, it was not possible to prevent the encroachment.

(d)—The Pakistan Government have agreed to an instrumental survey of the boundary in this area which is difficult to determine owing to absence of pillars, and have also been asked to withdraw their forces in the meantime.

(e)—Government have received reports that Ansars and other such volunteer forces are being raised in various parts of East Bengal but they cannot naturally be in possession of full details.

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: As regards Government Reply to Question No. 25, I want to add that from a telegram received from the East Bengal Government, we have come to know that they have agreed to withdraw their forces from the islets as a result of an agreement between the Government of East Bengal and Assam to make a survey of the area in question for making a real demarcation of the boundary.

Abolition of Zamindaries

Srijut BELIRAM DAS asked :

26. (a) In view of the fact that the Zamindary Abolition Bill has now become a law after the receipt of assent of the President of the Indian Union, do Government propose to take up the Zamindaries at an early date ?

(b) Are Government aware that the Election Manifesto of the All India National Congress also support abolition of Zamindaries ?

(c) Do Government propose to take steps to extend this Act to the other districts of the Province where it is not in operation now ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister) replied :

26. (a)—Yes, as early as circumstances permit.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—It is not possible. Section 1 (2) of the Act deals with extent.

***Srijut BELIRAM DAS :** May I know, Sir, from the Government what circumstances have stood in the way for the enforcement of the Zamindary abolition Act in this year?

***Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister):** Several civil suits and appeal cases of the Goalpara Zamindary were pending in the High Court and until they were disposed of the effect of the Bill could not be given.

***Srijut BELIRAM DAS :** May I know from the Government whether any monetary condition has stood in the way ?

***Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister):** That is a different matter altogether.

***Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE :** May I know from the Deputy Minister whether the Zamindary Abolition Act has become inoperative because of the fact that some proceedings are pending in the High Court ?

***Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister):** For that reason only stay order has been issued.

***Srijut BELIRAM DAS :** Is it a fact, Sir, that after taking up the Zamindaries, Government will not be required to pay income-tax which is to the tune of about 5 lakhs ?

***Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister):** That question comes afterward, Sir.

***Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE :** Does the Hon. Deputy Minister realise that non-acquisition of the Zamindaries before the Election will be non-fulfilment of one of the items of the Congress Manifesto ?

***Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister):** I do not consider it so, as Government have done everything in their power to give effect to the abolition of Zamindaries. But there is a direction from the High Court which no Government can defy and that is about staying the enforcement of the Act until the pending cases are disposed of.

***Srijut SARAT CHANDRA SINHA :** May I know whether this stay order had been given by the High Court after the assent of the President was given or before his assent was given ?

***Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister):** I do not know whether it is before or after the assent of the President was given.

Purchase of a plot of land at Gauhati near Dighalipukri belonging to Dihing Satradhikar

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked : 114

27. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is going to purchase a plot of land at Gauhati near Dighalipukri belonging to Dihing Satradhikar ?

*Speech not corrected.

- (b) If so, at what price and for what purposes ?
 (c) Whether it is a fact, that a Bengalee tenant residing in a house in that plot of land is claiming a part of the value of the land from Government ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister) replied :

27. (a)—(c)—The informations have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner and will be supplied to the hon. Member on receipt.

Relief given to earthquake affected people of Dibrugarh

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked : ১১৫

28. Will Government be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.164 asked by the the Questioner during the March session of the Assembly, 1951 (*Vide* pp. 771-772 of the Assembly Debates of 30th March, 1951) on the subject of relief given to earthquake affected people of Dibrugarh and state the result of the enquiry made by the Government ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister) replied :

28. A copy of the report submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur in the matter is placed on the Library Table.

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI : টিপিং মোজাব কোনোবা L. Saikia নামৰ মানুহ এজনে বিপৰ্টি কৰিছে বুলি কৈছে। তেখেতৰ পুৰা নাম কি জনাবনে ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister) : এইটো কৰা হয় গভৰ্ণৰ “আৰ্থ ক’ৰেক্‌চন ফাণ্ড” (Governor’s Earthquake Relief Fund) ৰ পৰা। ইয়াক Conduct, কৰে স্থানীয় “আৰ্থ ক’ৰেক্‌চন কমিটি” (Local Earthquake Committee) এ। তেওলোকেই সাহায্য দিয়ে। চৰকাৰৰ কোনো Function ইয়াত নাই। যি বিপৰ্টি তেওলোকে দিছে—তাকেই দিছে। পুৰা নাম মই নাজানো।

The Hon’ble the SPEAKER : সেইটো কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰৰ পুজিৰ পৰা পৰিচালনা হয়। প্ৰাদেশিক চৰকাৰৰ কাম তাত নাই। সেই কাৰণে এই প্ৰশ্নটো উঠিবই নালাগিছিল।

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI : যোৱা চেপ্তেম্বৰ মাহৰ অধিবেশনতো admit কৰা হৈছিল আৰু পুনৰ যোৱা মাৰ্চ মাহৰ অধিবেশনতো admit কৰি উত্তৰ দিয়া হৈছিল।

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister) : Once it was disallowed and then it was allowed. So the reply has been given, Sir.

The Hon’ble the SPEAKER : যোৰ Department এ full facts নজনাৰ কাৰণে সেই প্ৰশ্ন allow কৰা হৈছিল।

Srijut BIJOY CHANRA SAIKIA : মই জানিব পাৰোনে

The Hon’ble the SPEAKER : আপনি কোন প্ৰশ্নৰ কথা শুধিছে ?

Srijut BEJOY CHANDRA SAIKIA : শ্ৰীযুত গগৈ দেৱৰ প্ৰশ্নৰ প্ৰসঙ্গত—

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : এই প্রশ্ন সম্বন্ধে আপুনি প্রশ্ন কৰিব নোৱাৰে। কাৰণ এই বিষয়ে প্ৰাদেশিক গভৰ্ণমেণ্ট দায়ী নহয়।

Settlement of land with landless and erosion affected people of Gauhati

Srijut NALINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI asked : ১ ৮

29. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The area of land settled with landless and erosion affected people of Gauhati Subdivision in the years 1948-49, 1949-50 and 1950-51 ?
- (b) The number of families accommodated in those lands ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister) replied :

29. (a)—The information is not readily available and has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

(b)—Up-to-date information is not available. The Deputy Commissioner, however, reported in June last in another connection that land has been allotted to as many as 10,721 applicants in Gauhati Subdivision.

Total quantity of jute exported and jute duty received during the last five years

Maulavi AFAZUDDIN AHMED asked : ২ ৬

30. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The total quantity of jute exported from the State of Assam, district by district, during the past five years ?
- (b) The jute duty received by the Government of Assam in respect of the exported jute during the past five years ?
- (c) The amount spent out of the jute duty during the past five years, district by district, for the welfare and benefit of the jute-growers ?
- (d) The way in which the entire amount of jute duty has been spent during the past five years ?

The Hon'ble Srijut MOTIRAM BORA replied :

30. a)—The information is not available.

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(b) —1946-47	20,08,224
1947-48	44,09,897
1948-49	43,89,857
1949-50	58,08,184
1950-51	40,00,000

(c) ও (d)—The share of jute export duty is an item of revenue like any other item of revenue. No specific item of expenditure is set off against any specific item of revenue. It is merged in the general revenue of the State.

Improvement of the conditions of the Jute-growers of the State

Maulavi AFAZUDDIN AHMED asked :

31. (a) Are Government aware that the jute growing areas in the State specially in the district of Nowgong, are very backward in communication, education, health and sanitation ?

(b) What steps do Government propose to take to improve the backward conditions of the jute growers of the State, specially of the district of Nowgong ?

(c) Do Government propose to ear-mark the amount realised from jute duty to be utilised for the improvement of the conditions of the jute-growers of the State, district by district ?

The Hon'ble Srijut MOTIRAM BORA replied :

31. (a)—These areas are as backward or otherwise as the other rural areas of the State generally.

(b)—Government have been doing everything possible under the existing limitations to improve the conditions of all backward people and areas. The jute-growers of Nowgong are not discriminated against in any respect.

(c)—No. The principle suggested cannot be accepted. It is unsound in theory and unworkable in practice.

Proposal for management of Temples by Government

Srijut BELIRAM DAS asked :

32. (a) Are Government aware that due to the rise in prices of all commodities and other expenses the various Temples in the Province of Assam have not been able to pull on with their routine works ?

(b) Do Government propose to give them reasonable remission in respect of Government demands ?

(c) If not, do Government propose to take up the management of Temples and bear all necessary expenses ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister) replied :

32. (a)—Government are not aware of any such fact. Due to rise of prices, temples may be to some extent adversely affected like other institutions.

(b)—There is no such proposal under consideration now. Government will examine when any such proposal is received.

(c)—There is no such proposal under consideration of Government.

Statement made by the Leader of the Opposition with regard to his present political position in the Assembly

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Order, Order. The other day while discussing the resolution of Mr. Hardman, while referring to Jonab Saiyid Muhammad Saadulla, I heard Dr. E. H. Chaudhury saying about Jonab Saiyid Muhammad Saadulla as "so called Leader of the Opposition". That set me thinking whether he has left the Opposition or not. Yesterday I received a letter from Dr. E. H. Chaudhury.

Dr. E. H. CHAUDHURY: From the Secretary of the Party.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Yes from the Secretary of the Party, Prof. P. M. Sarwan, that Maulavi Saiyid Muhammad Saadulla is not the Leader of the Opposition. I shall be obliged if Maulavi Muhammad Saadulla will kindly make a statement to this House with regard to his present political position.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I hope I have your usual kindness in allowing me to address sitting and you will give me some time to explain the position with regard to Muslims in general and myself in particular.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Oh yes.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Ever since the attainment of Independence of India and the emergence of two different sovereign independent States of Pakistan and Hindustan, the position of the Muslims that remained in India became rather critical and I was approached by almost all sections of the Muslim opinion not only in Assam but also of other States of India to come to some definite conclusion about the political future of Muslims of India. It was a perfectly constitutional position that after the Muslims had decided to become the nationals of India could not have any allegiance with the Muslim League of Pakistan. A Conference of Muslim League was held in December, 1947 at Karachi to clarify the issue and to give directives to the Muslims who were nationals of India. I attended that Conference at Karachi and no less a person than the Great Quide Azam Late Mr. Md. Ali Jinnah advised the Muslims of India to sever all connections with the Muslim League Party of Pakistan, and to have their own organisation in conformity with their status as citizens of India. After I returned from Karachi, this message was conveyed to the then Acting President of the Assam Provincial Muslim League, Maulavi Abdulla Nurul Haque, first grade Advocate, and the Provincial Muslim League was dissolved. I was approached by all sections of the people both Hindus as well as Muslims to get a mandate from the Muslims and make common cause with any other community that they like for the betterment of the people of Assam. I was elected to the Constituent Assembly at the time and through the courtesy of my friends at Delhi, in spite of my absence at that particular meeting, I was elected to the Drafting Committee of the Constitution of India. Till January, 1950, I was entirely busy and engrossed in this onerous task and could not convene a meeting of the Muslims either to get their opinion or to guide them in this matter.

As soon as my term as Member of the Constituent Assembly was over in January, 1950, I issued invitation to 120 leading Muslims of all the districts of the province of Assam—Members of the Legislature, Members of the Local and Municipal Boards and other local influential Muslims to meet me at Shillong in March, 1950. As every one knows the hydra-headed Monster of Communal Disturbance started at that time and the travelling by the Muslims was fraught with great danger. Not only the Muslim Members of the Assembly could not attend the Session, but also they had to seek your protection and in spite of the fact that you readily provided them with police escorts, they dared not come to Shillong to attend the Budget Session of 1950, far less attending a private conference that I had convened. Conditions throughout 1950 remained very bad. So a meeting of the Muslims of the province could not be thought of. In 1951 I was pressed again and I wrote to friends throughout that I was planning to convene such a meeting immediately after the fasting month of Ramzan was over. No Muslim is

expected to travel while fasting. As ill luck would have it, I fell very seriously ill in February and March 1951 and I had to remain in hospital as indoor patient for 35 days. I could remain only three months outside and hardly had I recouped my health to any appreciable extent, I again fell a prey to a very severe type of jaundice from the 16th of June and this time I had to remain in hospital for 42 days. But although I have been discharged from the hospital on the 10th of August, my colleagues and friends who have seen me here know that I am not in my former state of health. Even then, on account of the approaching General Elections in the winter months of this year, leaders of the Hindu Community—both of the Congress and the Socialist Parties were kind enough to consult me during my illness as to the position of the Muslims in the future set-up of the people of this Province.

While Muslims of all shades of opinion, *i. e.*, belonging to the Congress Party, the Socialist Party and Independent Party all were kind enough to consult me—some coming up to Shillong and meeting me in Hospital, others by telegrams and correspondence—to give a lead. It was impressed upon me even in Hospital that if the Muslims are to align themselves with any other of these All-India Organisations, they must make up their minds early as the last date of filing nominations by these bodies was the 15th August. So, I was compelled, in spite of my very severe illness, to dictate a sort of message to the Muslims of Assam setting forth the ideals which they must set before them as well as analysing the merits and demerits of the different All-India Organisations with whom we mean to combine. This letter of mine, as I was confined to my sick bed in hospital, had to be carried to the different districts of the Province and a kind friend undertook this onerous but thankless task and very representative meetings were held in the more Muslim populous districts of the province on different dates. The first meeting was held on the 28th of July at Nowgong under the presidency of my esteemed friend, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. The proceedings of those meetings have been transmitted to me and I found that every nook and corner of the district was represented and as many as 80 people were present on the 28th July. The next meeting was held at Gauhati under the presidency of Maulavi Abul Khair; 45 persons of the subdivision were present in that meeting. Then on the 4th August another meeting was held at Dhubri where 51 persons were present. Although invitations were sent to the leading Muslim public of Goalpara subdivision, for want of time and the shortness of the notice they could not be present. Therefore a second meeting was held at Dhubri under the presidency of Khan Sahib Shahabuddin Ahmed, B. L., attended by about 600 people including Muslims from the Congress and Socialist Parties. The next meeting was held on the 5th of August at Barpeta under the presidency of Maulavi Abdul Quadir, Mouzadar, where 75 persons of the Subdivision were present. The people of Karimganj held their meeting on the 8th of August and the proceedings revealed that 65 persons were present. On the 9th there was a meeting of Silchar and Hailakandi Muslims in which 81 persons were present. Goalpara clamoured that they too want to hear what was my message: so a meeting was organised there on the 14th August under the presidency of Khan Bahadur Mizanur Rahman where 66 persons were present.

The Resolutions from all these meetings were brought to me in Shillong and almost everywhere the Muslims were unanimous that in this critical juncture not merely to the State of Assam but Indian Republic as a whole, the Muslims who have elected to stay as nationals of India should rise to the occasion and strengthen the hands of our beloved Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, who is the respected champion of all minorities.

Next, the recommendation in all these meetings can be summarised as under—

“Having taken into consideration the present circumstances this meeting resolves to request the Muslims of Assam in general to join and support the Congress and also to request Jonab Saadulla Saheb to join the Congress and utilise his experience and influence in securing nomination for four seats in the State Legislature for the Muslims from the district of Nowgong” (This was the recommendation of a meeting of Nowgong Muslims).

The Muslims of Gauhati subdivision also made identical recommendations. The resolution states: “Taking into consideration what he has said in this message (referring to my message) it is decided to request the Muslims in general and those in Assam in particular, to join and support the Congress and also to request Jonab Saadulla Saheb to join that organisation and utilise his experience and influence in securing nomination for two seats in the State Legislature for the Muslims from this subdivision”.

I need not take the time of the House by repeating what has been said, but it is curious to find that in all these meetings there was a unanimous desire to help and strengthen the hands of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and a request to me personally to lead the Muslims and join the Congress myself. In the meeting at Dhubri they made one further recommendation, which runs to this effect :—

“Resolved that the selection of Muslim candidates be made in accordance with the accepted principles of the Congress, *viz.*, integrity, ability, past record of public service and other relevant factors, and, above all, the wishes of the majority of the electorate of each constituency ascertained through a sound machinery”.

After receiving these mandates from these places, I addressed a letter to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the Congress Ministry here and also to the President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee on the 21st August. The letter is short and I will read only the relevant portion.

“I have received their mandate (I was referring to the Muslim meetings) to negotiate with you about the Assam Muslims joining the Indian National Congress Organisation in politics. They made three reservations; firstly, they aver that they are motivated in this move to strengthen the hands of Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India and the principal champion of the minorities”. This I had to emphasise because I was told verbally, although it is not in the resolution in so many words, that should circumstances compel the Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to withdraw from the Executive of the Congress organisation then the Muslims of Assam who are willing to join the Congress reserved their right to go out of the Congress and take their own line of action.

“Secondly, they appreciate the enunciation of the principle of giving adequate representation to the minorities, especially the Muslims, in the Congress Party Election Manifesto; and lastly, the selection of candidates be made in accordance with the accepted principle of the Congress, *viz.*, integrity, ability, past records of public services and, above all, the wishes of the majority of the electorate of each constituency ascertained through a sound machinery”.

The response to this letter of mine had been very encouraging, and I received on the night of the 26th August letters from both the Hon'ble Srijit Bishnuram

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Medhi as well as Srijut Siddhinath Sarma, the Provincial President of the Congress Party of Assam. Although this letter is prefaced by "personal and confidential" I hope I will have permission from the Hon'ble Chief Minister to read out the relevant portion. Have I your permission, Sir? (The Hon'ble Srijut Bishnuram Medhi.—Yes). Thank you.

I was told that due to an unfortunate bereavement in the family of the Congress President of Assam he could not come upto Shillong, and, therefore, Hon'ble Srijut Bishnuram Medhi says, "We are all glad that you appreciate the principle enunciated in the Congress Manifesto ensuring proper representation to the minorities, including the Muslims, in the Legislature and the public bodies and have expressed your desire to join the Congress organisation with a view to strengthen the hands of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Srijut Siddhinath Sarma has sent a reply to your letter with a copy of the Congress Election Manifesto. I can assure you that we on our part shall always make every honest effort to implement this policy. It is expected that you will unreservedly place your experience and knowledge at the disposal of this great organisation which is trying to give effect to this policy.

I hope, there will be no difficulty, after agreeing on the main principle, for you and other friends to join the Congress. Then Srijut Medhi says—"I shall be glad to spare sometime with Mr. Ahmed" I mean Mr. F. Ahmed, "to meet and have the benefit of personal discussion on Tuesday or in the morning of Wednesday. Please let me know when it will suit you". Srijut Sarma's letter also runs almost to the same effect. "I appreciate you have accepted the principles enunciated in the Congress Manifesto to help and strengthen the hands of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. I am enclosing herewith a copy of Congress Election Manifesto. You will see in para. 26 of the Manifesto that the Congress has accepted the policy of giving proper representation to the minorities including Muslims in the Legislature and local bodies. We all on our part shall make every honest effort to implement this policy and we expect that you will give your co-operation and help in implementing this policy. I would have been too glad to meet you for personal discussions, but in view of my bereavement in my family it will not be possible for me to come to Shillong in the near future. I have therefore, requested the Hon'ble Shri Medhi and Jonab Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed to see you in this connection". Then Sir, I had a discussion on the 28th August afternoon with the Hon'ble Srijut Medhi and Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, members of the Congress, and during the discussion, Srijut Medhi was kind enough to give me verbal assurance that there will be no difficulty in acceding to the request about the selection of candidates in the light of integrity and past service so on and so forth, as I have adumbrated. The result of our discussion was placed before a meeting of Muslim leaders who had come up to Shillong specially for that purpose on the 29th morning in my house. After full discussion for four hours they asked me to write to the Hon'ble Srijut Medhi to express the desire of the Muslims in general to join the Congress Organisation. In my letter of yesterday, the 30th, I have written like this—"I had placed the trend of our discussion and deliberations before the Muslim leaders from Goalpara, Cachar, Nowgong and Kamrup districts yesterday, and I am pleased to inform you that they have all agreed to join the Congress Party of Assam and have also requested me to join. Due to ill health, I was planning to retire from Politics, but as my remaining outside the Congress Party, may lead to misconception of motive, I too, for the present, have agreed to join the great Congress Organisation". Then I quote simply what I said about the other points. "I have intimated to my Muslim friends that you gave me verbal assurance about consulting me or other Muslim leaders at the time of selecting our candidates and that you

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agreed to the principle of selection by criterion of 'integrity, ability, past records of public services, etc.' " This letter of mine was handed over to the Hon'ble Sirjut Medhi only yesterday afternoon and a copy of the letter was sent to the President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee in his Gauhati address by the 4 P. M. Service of yesterday. This in nutshell is the position so far as the Muslims in general and myself in particular are concerned.

I have got no objection whatsoever not to be addressed as the Leader of the Opposition, and I am glad that my mantle has now fallen on the very capable shoulder of Dr. E. H. Chaudhury. The main point, technically, is that I have merely said that I have been given a mandate by the Mus'ims of these different districts in their representative meetings to join the Congress, and I have written I am willing to join the Congress only yesterday. I do not know whether I may be acceptable to the Congress Organisation. So I am still out of the Congress Organisation. Unless and until I officially hear from the President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee, I cannot say that I am in the Congress Organisation. The technical point will be solved when I am accepted as a member of the Congress Organisation.

But what cuts me to the quick is the letter which Maulavi Maksed Ali is supposed to have written yesterday at 1 P. M. to the Hon'ble the Speaker. His letter runs as—"A short statement was made to-day on the floor of the House by Dr. E. H. Chaudhury and Maulavi M. Ali to the effect that owing to Mr. Saadulla's carrying on negotiations with the Congress Party without the knowledge and consent of our Party in order to join it, Mr. Saadulla has ceased to be the Leader of the Opposition as from to-day."

Now I am in a position to contradict the statement of Maulavi Md. Maksed Ali. I am sorry, he is not here and I have got to make these remarks in his absence. Even while I was in hospital, I received a circular letter, dated the 2nd August, 1951 from my young Friend, Dr. E. H. Chaudhury. He wrote—

"Dear Jonab Sahib,

The fast deteriorating political situation in the country and the helpless position of minorities specially the Muslims call for serious thoughts and action.

The coming elections which will decide the fate of India and with it that of the Muslims render it all the more urgent that they meet soon and take decisions.

Quite a number of letters received from a number of Muslim friends in the province request the undersigned to hold a conference of the prominent Muslims of the Province preferably at Shillong during the next Session of the Assembly to give a lead to the bewildering community.

As one who takes a special interest in the well being and advance of the Muslims of Assam, you are requested to state your opinion if you are agreeable to holding the Conference at Shillong on 2nd September, 1951."

To this letter I promptly sent a reply from hospital to Dr. E. H. Chaudhury. He too was kind enough to acknowledge my letter by his letter of 12th August, 1951 addressed to me.

"Dear Jonab Sahib,

I am in receipt of your letter of 7th August, 1951.

I am sorry to see that you received my invitation in your sick bed.

I hope you are much better now.

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You must have got enough experience about the selfishness and insincerity of politicians. From what little I have learnt both from books as also from practical politics, I am still of the view that honesty is the best policy and that there is honesty even in politics although it has been called a mean game. We must look to the interest of the people and be mindful of minority interests."

In my reply I have written to him already of the move I have taken of consulting Muslim public opinion as per my letter, dated the 7th July, 1951. He adds:—

"From what we have seen it appears that the interests of the masses are not safe in Congress hands. Hence the resignation in their thousands of people who were in the Congress. Even Ministers, Central and Provincial are tendering resignations. The latest news is still more alarming. Nehru and Azad too are leaving the executive. * * * * *

In the circumstances, it would be futile to join the body which has become generally corrupt".

This clearly shows, Sir, that so far as Dr. Chaudhury is concerned he cannot say that I did anything without his knowledge. As a matter of fact, whatever I did, I did openly. Although I got his views to desist me from the move, but I had to ignore it in view of the large number of contrary opinions received.

As regards Mvi. Md. Maksed Ali, I am reminded of the popular saying, "You can take a horse to a pond, but you cannot make him drink." Similarly Maulavi Maksed Ali, the complaining gentleman is the brother of Maulavi Md. Umaruddin, the Extra Assistant Commissioner retired. In the meeting of Goalpara District, both in Dhubri and Goalpara subdivisions, it was his brother Maulavi Md. Umaruddin who took the leading part. But in the first meeting that was held on the 4th August, I could not find the name of Maulavi Maksed Ali. That meeting was held at his very door. He kept away from the meeting, and he remained so. Again there was the big meeting on the 8th August, and the lead was taken by Maulavi Umaruddin. In that meeting, I find from the proceedings that he explained to the Goalpara Muslims why Muslims should take a final decision. When his brother was so up and doing, there was nothing to prevent Mr. Maksed Ali from taking a different path. He was either callous or indifferent and he cannot complain of being ignored.

Sir, this is the position and I am glad that you gave me this opportunity to explain my position. If you will now rule, in view of my letter to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and to the President, Assam Provincial Congress Committee, that I have forfeited the right of being the Leader of the Opposition, I will welcome your decision, but so long I am not in receipt of their reply, I shall be remaining where I am now.

The Hon'ble Srijiit BISHNURAM MEDHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have no desire to take part in this debate, but as there may be some misapprehension from the statement that has been made by Jonab Saadulla, I feel that I should make a statement. While reading the letter intimating his decision to join the Congress Jonab Saadulla stated that he as well as the Muslims under him, reserve the right of seceding from the Congress if they finally see that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru goes out of the Congress Working Committee. That may be his mental reservation, but in the letter that he has addressed to me and to the President of the

Congress there was no such reservation. So I have made this statement in order to remove any possible misunderstanding or misconception that may subsequently arise. I take this opportunity of congratulating the Leader of the Opposition who after consulting his Friends and those who follow him and after getting a mandate from them, have decided to join the Congress after fully appreciating and accepting the principles for which the Congress stands for. It is also a fact that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is the greatest champion of the rights and privileges of the minorities. It is with the desire of strengthening his hands and strengthening the Organisation which can alone stabilise the country and create enthusiasm in the country, that they have joined the Congress and for that reason I congratulate Jonab Saadulla as well as those under him who propose to join the Congress.

Dr. E. H. CHAUDHURY : As some charges have been made against me, may I clarify my position ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : No, No.

Dr. E. H. CHAUDHURY : Then I must say you are partial. I have no other alternative but to walk out of the House.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Order, Order.

(So saying Dr. E. H. Chaudhury left the Chamber).

All that I know from Jonab Saadulla is that he ceases to be the Leader of the Opposition, but I have not been able to know whether he has definitely decided to join one party or another. I shall be glad to know his decision as early as possible so that I may make arrangement for his seat in the Assembly.

Maulavi SAIYID MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : As I said just now that I have written to the Congress President that the Muslims as well as myself are ready to join the Congress. If they welcome us and take us as members of the Congress, I will let you know. I have not received any reply because my letter went to him only yesterday.

**Permission to introduce an important Bill under Assembly
Rule 59(2).**

The Hon'ble Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI : Sir, I want to seek your permission to introduce an important Bill for consideration of this House. Under rule 59(2) of the Assembly Rules, with the permission of the House, I seek your discretion in favour of allowing this Motion to be introduced, as this is an important Bill which seeks to give certain privileges to the persons whose movement has been restricted.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : I think, this can be done after 3-30 P.M.

The Hon'ble Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI : I want only your permission.

Discussion re: Supplementary Statement of Expenditure charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the State for 1951-52

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The next item is discussion, if any, of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the State for 1951-52. Is any hon. Member taking part?

Mr. J. S. HARDMAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, before any discussion takes place on supplementary statement of expenditure, I would welcome a statement by the Hon'ble Finance Minister on the Supplementary Budget Proposals as a whole including the amounts which will be charged as well as the amounts which will later come up for voting by this House. According to the statement which has been furnished, it would appear that a sum of 142 lakhs approximately is supposed to be spent in addition to the amounts previously voted by this House in the March Session.

Turning to the budget estimates, we find that it was originally contemplated that the budget closing balance would be 126 lakhs and it would appear therefore that when the present expenditure is sanctioned by this House, the year will close with a deficit of 16 lakhs. It would therefore be of greatest assistance to the Members of this House if the Hon'ble Finance Minister could indicate from what sources this additional expenditure will be met. If the Hon'ble Finance Minister prefers, he can give the statement at a later stage.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Any other Member taking part in the discussion?

Statement made by the Hon'ble Speaker re: Discussion on Cut motions on Supplementary Demands for Grant

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Before I take the Cut Motions tabled on Supplementary Demands I want to make a statement regarding discussion on Cut Motions. More than once I have told the House what should be the procedure and I want to remind the House again about certain rules regarding this matter.

It is a well established law prevailing in the House of Commons, our Central Assembly and in our Assembly also that the scope of discussion on Cut Motions on Supplementary Demands is very limited. No question of policy in regard to the main grant to which the Supplementary Demand relates should be raised. Censure Motions should confine to criticism of necessity or otherwise of the Supplementary Demand only. In an economy Cut Motion no censure is allowed. Local grievances should not be ventilated in a Cut Motion on Supplementary Demands. Hon. Members may, however, refuse or reduce the whole or any particular item of the demand and should state their reasons for refusing or reducing the demand on particular item of the demand. Hon. Members' remarks must be confined to the grounds given by the Treasury Benches stating the necessity for the Supplementary Demands. Applying these criteria, I am afraid, I shall have to declare many Cut Motions tabled, as out of order. However, that will be decided as we go on. The usual procedure is that the demands standing in the name of several Hon'ble Ministers shall have to be moved one after another and then I shall take up the Cut Motions relating to each item. Therefore the Hon'ble Shri Motiram Bora will first move his Motion.

Supplementary Demand No.1 (4.—Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax)

The Hon'ble Shri MOTIRAM BORA: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.22,574 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which

will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "4.—Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax".

			Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	55,700
II. Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—			

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Collection of Taxes on Agricultural Income	22,574	...	22,574

The *Explanatory Notes given here will explain the position.

Probably the hon. Members of this House do remember what I stated in the last Budget Session that the Government apprehended some amount of evasion from payment of agricultural income-tax by some people and Government might require more staff to detect such evasion. For this reason I had to decide to strengthen the present staff and hence this amount is necessary. Besides, certain charges were also due on account of a case in the Supreme Court which was instituted by the co-sharers of the Mechpara Estate against this Government. This is a petty additional amount and I hope the hon. Members of this House will agree to it.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.22,574 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "4.—Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.2

(7.—LAND REVENUE)

The Hon'ble Shri MOTIRAM BORA: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.1,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "7.—Land Revenue".

			Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	33,04,800
II. Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—			

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
F. Survey, Settlement and Record Operations—			
(c) Survey School	1,500	...	1,500
Total	1,500	...	1,500

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

Due to creation of 4 posts of Inspectors and 4 Pcons in the interest of State Revenues, and also to certain expenditure under "Law Charges" incurred in connection with a Federal Court Case. As the expenditure was of unforeseen and immediate nature, it was met by an advance from the "Contingency Fund".

The *Explanatory Notes will explain the position.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Motion is that an additional sum of Rs.1,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "7.—Land Revenue".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.3

(10.—FORESTS)

The Hon'ble Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,93,019 be granted to the Minister-in-Charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "10.—Forests".

I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly Rs.
39,57,800

II. Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for :—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A.—Conservancy and works—			
VI. Communications and Buildings	43,000	...	43,000
VI. (a) Communications and Building—Earthquake repair.	1,12,519	...	1,12,519
	1,55,519	...	1,55,519
A. (b) Development Schemes—			
VI. Communications and Buildings	...	25,000	25,000
VIII. Miscellaneous ... ..	...	1,12,500	1,12,500
	...	1,37,500	1,37,500
Grand total	1,55,519	1,37,500	2,93,019

A (VI). This amount is required for Forest Works in the Patharia Hills Forest Reserve in connection with making Camp-huts, patrolling paths, a jeepable road about 4 miles in length, overhauling of Departmental jeep for maintenance of communications and also for recruitment of additional staff for work.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

Due to the heavy hailstorm on the 27th April 1951 three tents of the Assam Survey School were badly damaged. New tents are essential for the proper accommodation of Officers under training which is scheduled to begin by December 1951.

A (VI). (a) The amount is required for urgent reconstruction of buildings, roads, etc., damaged by the last earthquake and floods in the Sadiya, Lakhimpur, Sibsagar and Darrang Divisions. Fifty per cent. of the expenditure will be received as grants-in-aid from the Government of India. Details of the expenditure are as follows:—

					Rs.
Roads—Sadiya...	...	...	...	...	27,450
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	4,665
					<hr/> 32,115
Buildings—Sadiya	...	...	...	...	34,469
Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	28,000
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	2,335
Darrang	...	...	...	...	10,500
					<hr/> 75,304
Wells, fencing, etc.—Sadiya	...	...	...	...	5,100
					<hr/> 1,12,519

A (VI). (b)—The amount is required for the improvement of Lanka-Lumding Road in the Mikir Hills.

VIII.—This amount is required for establishment of the Pine Wood Factory at Shillong for Resin distillation and manufacture of turpentine and resin, and the amount has already been advanced from the Contingency Fund. Details may be seen at pages (i)-(iii) of Appendix b.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.2,93,019 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "10.—Forests".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.4

(18B AND 68B.—NAVIGATION, EMBANKMENTS AND DRAINAGE WORKS)

The Hon'ble Shri RAMNATH DAS: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.7,26,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for administration of the head "18-B and 68B.—Navigation, Embankments and Drainage Works".

I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly Rs.12,81,300

II. Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—
 18B.—Navigation, Embankments and Drainage Works financed from ordinary revenues—

	General Rs.
A.—Works—Earthquake damage	4,80,000
C.—Maintenance and repairs— Earthquake damage	2,46,000
Total—18B—Navigation, etc.	7,26,000

*The Explanatory Notes explain the need of this Demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.7,26,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges, which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "18B and 68B—Navigation, Embankments and Drainage Works".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No-5

(25—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)

The Hon'ble Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.3,60,835 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration".

I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly Rs.64,02,200

II. Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—

	General Rs.	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas Rs.	Total Rs.
L.—Election for Legislature— 4. Contingencies	4,50,000	1,50,000	6,09,000
Deduct—Recovery from the Gov- ernment of India.	—2,00,000	—1,00,000	—3,00,000
M(b). Publicity Department M(e) Legislative Department—	15,800	...	15,800
3. Allowances and honoraria S.—General Establishment—	300	...	300
1. Pay of Officers	2,100	2,080	4,180

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

It is estimated that during the current year an extra provision of Rs.7,26,000 will be required under the above head over and above what can be met out of the existing budget provisions for carrying out essential original works and repair works to damages done by the devastating earthquake of August 1950.

50 per cent. of the total expenditure will be received as grants-in-aid from the Government of India and 50 per cent. will have to be met from the revenues of the State.

The details may be seen at page (iv) of Appendix B.

		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2. Pay of Establishment ...	...	2,646	1,776	4,422
3. Allowance and honoraria ...	...	2,685	2,528	5,213
4. Contingencies ...	...	1,380	23,100	24,480
U.—Other Establishment—				
(f) State and District Soldiers',		6,440	...	6,440
Sailor's and Airmen's Board.				
Total ...	...	2,81,351	79,484	3,60,835

The details of the items for which this Demand is necessary are given in the *Explanatory Notes.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.3,60,835 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.6

(27.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE)

The Hon'ble Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.24,800 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for administration of the head "27.—Administration of Justice".

*†EXPLANATORY NOTES

L. 4.—To meet the cost of ballot boxes, ballot papers, freight and miscellaneous charges in connection with the General Election. One half of the expenditure will be borne by the Government of India.

M(b). Of this additional requirement of Rs.15,800, Rs.8,012 is required for meeting expenditure for maintenance of Publicity Vehicles as the original demand is found inadequate, and Rs.7,788 is required for expenditure in connection with the publication of the two Newspapers "Asom Batori" and "Assam Information" as the original demand has been found to be inadequate in view of the recent rise in prices of news print and to meet expenditure in connection with subscription to United Press of India News Agency.

M(c) 3.—Due to the travelling allowance of Law Assistant in connection with Adaptation of Law.

S. (General).—The appointment of a Special Magistrate at Kokrajhar for the trial of criminal cases and to control subversive activities in that area is considered essential. It is accordingly proposed to establish a court at Kokrajhar immediately.

S. (Sixth Schedule Part A Areas).—Due to prevailing political situation it has become necessary to set up an organisation to disseminate correct news and acquaint people with facts and more particularly in the interior.

U.—An additional expenditure of Rs.5,650 is required for the pay of the Secretary, State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board (newly sanctioned) and Rs. 640 for the payment of rent and cost of installation of telephone in the Office of the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board and Rs.150 for payment of rent at enhanced rate for the Office of District Soldiers', Sailors, and Airmen's Board, Khasi and Jaintia Hills.

Rs.

- I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly 10,72,000
- II. Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
B. Law Officers—			
(b) Legal Remembrancer, etc :—			
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
3. Allowances and Honoraria	9,800	...	9,800
(c) Muffassil Establishment—			
2. Allowances and Honoraria	5,000	...	5,000
3. Contingencies	4,000	...	4,000
D. District and Sessions Judges—			
3. Allowances and Honoraria	2,500	...	2,500
4. Contingencies	3,500	...	3,500
Total	24,800	...	24,800

The reasons for this additional Demand have been given in the *Explanatory Notes.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.24,800 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "27.—Administration of Justice".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.7

(29.—POLICE)

The Hon'ble Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.10,91,886 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952 for the administration of the head "29.—Police".

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

B(b)3.—The Law Assistant who is appointed Under-Secretary, Legislative and Judicial Department, has been granted a Compensatory Allowance of Rs.200 per mensem. Due to increase in the number of cases both in the High Court and Supreme Court and also due to the expenditure on Travelling Allowance of the Law Assistant for his return journey from Delhi when he was deputed for training under the Ministry of Law.

B(c).—Due to increase in the number of cases.

D.3 & 4.—The existing provision under each item appears to be inadequate in the light of the expenditure already incurred upto 30th June 1951. Hence the supplementary provision.

Rs.

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly 93,03,800
 II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for—

1. B.—District Executive Force—

(a) District Police—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Pay of Officers ...	1,500	1,925	3,425
2. Pay of Establishment ...	1,16,460	8,976	1,25,436
3. Allowances and Honoraria ...	56,410	8,195	64,605
4. Contingencies ...	1,87,930	790	1,88,720
Total B(a) ...	3,62,300	19,886	3,82,186

E.—Fire Service—

1. Pay of Officers ...	20,000	...	20,000
2. Pay of Establishment ...	12,000	...	12,000
3. Allowances and Honoraria ...	18,000	...	18,000
4. Contingencies ...	4,50,000	...	4,50,000
Total E ...	5,00,000	...	5,00,000

2. G.—Criminal Investigation Department—

(a) C. I. D. (Proper) :—

1. Pay of Officers ...	2,000	...	2,000
2. Pay of Establishment ...	19,004	...	19,004
3. Allowances and Honoraria ...	16,805	...	16,805
4. Contingencies ...	1,761	...	1,761

	39,570	...	39,570
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Deduct—Amount to be recovered from the Government of India.

	—25,870	...	—25,870
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Total G(a) ...	13,700	...	13,700
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(c) Wireless Telephone Department.	46,000	...	46,000
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(f) Border Security Force ...	2,84,500	...	2,84,500
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<i>Deduct</i> —Amount transferred to "85A.—Capital Outlay" etc.	—2,84,500	...	—2,84,500
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Total G ...	59,700	...	59,700
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3. J.—Works—

(a) Original works-in-charge
Officers :—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Police	3,00,000	...	3,00,000
Deduct—Amount transferred to '85A.—Capital Out- lay" etc.	—1,50,000	...	—1,50,000
Total J(a)	1,50,000	...	1,50,000
Grand Total	10,72,000	19,886	10,91,886

The details of the items of this Demand have been given in the **Explanatory Notes.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Motion is that an additional sum of Rs.10,91,886 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "29.—Police".

**EXPLANATORY NOTES

1 B(a).—Out of this amount a sum of Rs.19,886 is meant for the retention of the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police for Naga Hills and entertainment of the temporary posts of 4 Assistant Sub-Inspectors and 22 Constables to strengthen the Police Staff in the Lushai Hills. The proposal for the entertainment of the staff did not crop up at the time of framing original budget estimate. Further as an emergency measure it has been decided by Government to entertain 10 platoons of Armed Branch Police Force for the Assam Police Battalion for the period of 6 months from 1st September, 1951. One Platoon consist of 1 Sub-Inspector, 4 Havildars and 50 Constables (including 1 Armourer and one Bugler). In addition there will be 1 Assistant Commandant (Deputy Superintendent of Police), and 2 Inspectors (*viz.*, 1 for 5 Platoons) for these 10 Platoons. Under contingency a sum of Trs.75 has been provided for cost of arms and ammunitions and Trs.35 for Kit allowance for these 10 Platoons.

A sum of Trs.78 has also been provided under Contingency for meeting the cost of acquisition of land at Ulubari in the Kamrup District for Police Quarters. No provision for this purpose was made in the current year's budget as this proposal was approved after the Budget was passed.

E.—In Assam there is no fire fighting organisation and it is imperative that a beginning should be made for organising fire fighting service after obtaining the necessary equipments. It is proposed at present to have Fire Brigade in each of the important towns, *viz.*, Shillong, Gauhati, Silchar, Dhubri and Dibrugarh and it is necessary to provide each of the Fire Brigades with one Dennis Fire Pump, one Large Coventry Climax Pump, three Mobile water Units, one Escape Ladder and Six Extension Ladders. A number of fire fighting parties will also have to be organised and they will have to be supplied with necessary equipments such as stirrup pumps and buckets. It is therefore considered necessary to provide for a lump sum of Rs.5,00,000 to meet the expenditure during the current year.

2 G. (a).—Of this amount a sum of Rs.25,870 is meant for the establishment of check posts in the Indo-Tibetan Border as a security measure. This will be re-imbursed by the Government of India subsequently.

Further D. I. B. Staff consisting of 1 Deputy Superintendent of Police, 4 Sub-Inspectors, 2 Assistant Sub-Inspectors and 11 Constables has been sanctioned for Cachar District as a Temporary measure for 8 months from 1st July 1951 to check the intensified activities of the C. P. I. and other subversive organisations.

2 G. (c).—An additional provision of Trs.4 under Travelling Allowance of Establishment has been made to meet the extra Travelling Allowance involved on account of the deputation of staff for Mobile Communications in flood affected areas and for other operational purposes.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.8

(36.—SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENTS)

The Hon'ble Shri MOTIRAM BORA : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.800 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "36.—Scientific Departments".

			Rs.
I.—Grants originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	13,500
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grants will be accounted for—			

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B.—Museums	800	...	800

This is a very small amount and the reasons for this Demand have been given in the *Explanatory Note.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Motion moved is that a sum of Rs.800 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "36.—Scientific Departments".

A further sum of Trs.42 has been included under contingencies to meet the following requirements of the Department as the work of the Department is steadily on the increase :—

	Rs.
1. Cost of 18-Q Spares	4,500
2. Cost of PEG Spares	3,000
3. Equipment Training School	1,000
4. Spares for repairing W.T. Cycles	200
5. Purchase of new Batteries	6,250
6. Unforeseen Expenditure	2,900
7. Lubricants	22,150
8. Furniture, stationeries, etc.	2,000
Total	42,000

2 G. (f).—As an emergency measure owing to acute food situation it has also been decided by Government to entertain 10 Platoons of Armed Branch Police for prevention of smuggling along the borders. The entire cost of this force will initially be met from "29.—Police" but ultimately debited to "85A—Capital Outlay". Details are as under :—

Border Security Force—

	Rs.
1. Pay of Officers	1,500
2. Pay of Establishment	1,16,460
3. Allowances and Honoraria	56,410
4. Contingencies	1,10,130
Works	1,50,000
Total	4,34,500

3 F.—*Works*.—A lump sum provision of Trs.3,00 has been made for temporary accommodation for 20 Platoons of Armed Police Force. Half of this sum, i.e., Trs.1,50 will be for accommodation of 10 Platoons of the Border Security Force which is ultimately debitable to "85A.—Capital Outlay".

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

The menials' and chowkidars' quarters of the Museum were damaged badly due to the recent Hail Storm. Hence an amount of Rs.800 was advanced from the Contingency Fund to carry out immediate repairs to the quarters as budget provision for grants to the Museum proved inadequate.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.9

(37.—EDUCATION)

The Hon'ble Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,50,724 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "37.—Education".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	Rs.
...	1,69,75,000
II.—Sub-head under which the additional grant will be accounted for :	
G.—Direct grant to Non-Government Secondary Schools :—	General
Non-recurring	Rs.
...	1,48,572
H.—Grants to Local Bodies for Secondary Education	39,416
I.—Works (Secondary) Original work	17,234
P.—Direct grants to Non-Government Special Schools—	
Non-recurring Grant	41,752
V.—Miscellaneous—	
(d)—Other Miscellaneous charges	3,750
Total	2,50,724

The *Explanatory Notes have been given below and hope these explain everything.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.2,50,724 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "37.—Education".

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

G.—The additional amount is required for giving some temporary relief to the Aided High School teachers and menials. Every School will be expected to grant a sum of not less than Rs.3 and not more than Rs.5 per teacher and per Assistant per month from out of the Schools' own resources.

H.—The additional grant is necessary for relieving Local Bodies from their obligation to pay proportionate share of dearness allowance to the employees of Middle Vernacular Schools maintained by the Boards as they are finding it extremely difficult to spare funds for this purpose from their own resources.

I.—Rupees 17,234 is necessary for reconstruction of hostel buildings of the Goalpara Government High School.

P.—This amount is required to meet the full requirements of such grants during the year.

V.—(d) (1) Rupees 2,750 is necessary for an *ex gratia* grant for 11 months from 1st April, 1951 at Rs.250 per month which was sanctioned to Shri S. Daws to enable him to complete his course of study in the U. K.

(2) Shri Tarun Barbara is being granted an *ex gratia* grant of Rs.2,000 for aviation training at Allahabad. Of this amount Rs.1,000 will be required during this year.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 10

(38.—MEDICAL)

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 5,042 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "38.—Medical".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	51,18,600
II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for :—	

	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas Rs.
H.—Works—Repairs ...	5,042
Total ...	5,042

*The Explanatory Notes below explain the need for this amount and I hope the House will agree to it.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs. 5,042 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "38.—Medical".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 11

(39.—PUBLIC HEALTH)

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 2,96,907 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "39.—Public Health".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly...	29,46,400
II.—Sub-heads under which the grant will be accounted for —	
B.—Grants for Public Health purposes ...	General 2,59,000
F.—Works—	
2.—Original Works by Public Works Department	10,907
6.—Public Health Original Works ...	7,000
" " Repairs ...	20,000
Total ...	2,96,907

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

The amount of Rs. 5,042 is required for repairs to the dispensary building at Sutnga in the Jowai Subdivision, United Khasi-Jaintia Hills, which was damaged by heavy storm during 1950-51.

The details may be seen in Appendix (b). I need not read them, Sir, as they are all made clear there in the details. I hope the House will agree to this demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs. 2,96,907 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "39.—Public Health".

Supplementary Demand No. 12

(40—AGRICULTURE)

The Hon'ble Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 73,041 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head—"40.—Agriculture".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	59,47,200
II.—Additional amount required	73,041
III.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—	

	General	Sixth Schedule Total (Part A) Areas
	Rs.	Rs.
D. Agricultural Experiments and Research :		
(i) (e) Scheme for the establishment of a Cocoanut Nursery in Assam.	10,258	10,258
(iii) (c) Establishment of Arecanut Nursery.	6,455	6,455
E. Subordinate and Expert Staff :		
(i) (c) Deputy Director of Agriculture (Live-stock), Miscellaneous Contract Contingencies.	46,878	46,878
E. (ii) Development Schemes—Earthquake relief—		
(a) Scientific Staff (Mycological and Entomological Reorganisation) Scheme.	1,400	1,400
K. Works—		
(a) Original Works—		
(i) Incharge of Civil Officers—Scheme for establishment of a Cocoanut Nursery in Assam.	8,050	8,050
Total ...	73,041	73,041

*The Explanatory Notes are placed below.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.73,041 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "40.—Agriculture".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.13

(42—CO-OPERATION—II—RURAL DEVELOPMENT)

The Hon'ble Shri MOHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.13,34,728 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "42.—Co-operation—II.—Rural Development".

	Rs.	
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	11,15,200	

II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A(A).—Provincial Organisation—			
3. Allowances and Honoraria...	2,670	...	2,670
4. Contingencies ...	6,100	...	6,100
	8,770	...	8,770

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

D(i)(e).—The amount is required to meet the expenditure for the operation of the Scheme for the establishment of a Coconut Nursery in Assam with effect from 1st September 1951. The provision for the Scheme could not be made as the decision to implement it was taken after the budget was passed.

50 per cent. of the recurring expenditure will be borne by the Indian Central Coconut Committee. The State Government will have to bear the other 50 per cent. of the recurring and the entire non-recurring expenditure. The Indian Central Coconut Committee's share will be treated as receipt under "XXIX.—Agriculture".

(iii) (e).—The amount is required to meet the expenditure in connection with the operation of the Scheme for the establishment of Arecanut Nursery. The provision for the Scheme could not be made as the decision to implement it was taken after the budget was passed.

The entire expenditure except few items of expenditure such as hire of godowns and rent of land, etc., which will fall on State revenue, will be borne by the Indian Central Arecanut Committee. The Committee's share will be treated as receipt under "XXIX.—Agriculture".

E. (i) (e).—The provision is required to meet the expenditure for conducting Live-stock Census. This being an unforeseen expenditure has been met by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

E. (ii)(a).—The amount is required to meet the expenditure for the Special Staff appointed for the Earthquake Relief Works in North Lakhimpur Subdivision. The expenditure being of unforeseen nature has been met by advance from the Contingency Fund.

K. (a) (i).—The provision is required for the construction of quarters, etc., for the Coconut Scheme which is to be operated with effect from 1st September 1951 as stated in D. (i) (e) above. This will be borne by the State Government as explained under D. (i) (e).

C(B).—Subdivisional Organisation —
(Development Scheme)

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Pay of Officer	2,800	...	2,800
2. Pay of Establishment ...	308	...	308
3. Allowances and Honoraria	2,650	...	2,650
4. Contingencies	4,000	...	4,000
5. Works ... ..	...	1,200	1,200
	9,758	1,200	10,958
F(B).—Grant-in-aid (Development Scheme).	3,15,000	10,00,000	13,15,000
Grand Total	3,33,528	10,01,200	13,34,728

*The Explanatory Note explains the purpose for this demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.13,34,728 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "42.—Co-operation—II.—Rural Development."

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A(A).—The marketing section of this Department was required to participate in the Manipur and Bangalore Exhibitions during March 1951. The expenditure incurred in these two Exhibitions had to be met this year. Moreover this Marketing Section is also required to participate in the International Exhibition, Bombay in December 1951 and January 1952 next. Hence the additional provision is necessary.

C(B).—Out of this amount of Rs.10,958, Rs.9,758 is required in connection with the establishment of 21 new Panchayats in the current year. A further sum of Rs.1,200 is necessary for the construction of a *basha* for the accommodation of the recently appointed Development Officer at Dihlu, Mikir Hills.

F(B).—In the last three years it has been possible to establish only 30 Rural Panchayats against the proposed total of 720. Thirty Rural Panchayats represents only an insignificant section of population inhabiting in a very limited area. To draw the attention of the general public towards this important subject it has been decided accordingly to have at least another 21 Rural Panchayats this year even though this number is considered inadequate. A provision of Rs.3,15,000 is necessary therefore for the first year's contribution to these new Panchayats.

A further amount of Rs.10,00,000 is required for payment of grants-in-aid for self-help enterprises in the Naga Hills District. Government of India have sanctioned a special grant of Rupees ten lakhs to the State for this purpose, under Article 275 (b) of the Constitution.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 14

[50.—CIVIL WORKS (PROVINCIAL)]

The Hon'ble Shri RAMNATH DAS: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.19,73,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head—"50.—Civil Works (Provincial)".

Rs.

- I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly 1,94,53,100
 II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for :—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A.—Original Works—			
(a) Buildings—			
General administration		10,000	10,000
Ditto—Earthquake damage	20,000	...	20,000
Jails and Convict Settlement—Ditto	1,06,950	...	1,06,950
Education— Ditto	12,000	...	12,000
Public Health— Ditto	1,57,500	...	1,57,500
Civil Works— Ditto	56,000	...	56,000
Total —(a) Buildings	3,52,450	10,000	3,62,450
(b) Communications—			
1. Ordinary Roads—Earthquake damage,	5,02,000	...	5,02,000
(c) Miscellaneous Works—damage	500	...	500
Total —Original Works	8,54,950	10,000	8,64,950
B.—Repairs—			
1. Buildings—Earthquake damage	1,74,550	...	1,74,550
2. Communications— Ditto	3,09,000	...	3,09,000
Total B—Repairs	4,83,550	...	4,83,550
D.—Grants-in-aid for Communications	6,25,000	...	6,25,000
Grand Total	19,63,500	10,000	19,73,500

*The Explanatory Note explains in details the reason for this demand.

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

A&B (1)—Of the total demand of Rs.19,73,500 under the head, Rs.13,38,500 is under Earthquake damage which is estimated during the current year as extra requirement over and above what can be met out of the existing budget provisions for carrying out essential original works and repair works to damage done by the devastating earthquake of August 1950.

Fifty per cent. of the expenditure incurred on earthquake work will be received as grants-in-aid from the Government of India and 50 per cent. will have to be met from the revenues of the State.

The details may be seen at Appendix b.

(2)—The details of the amount of Rs.10,000 under "General Administration Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas" may be seen at Appendix "b".

D.—Grants-in-aid for Communications :—Details may be seen at Appendix b.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.19,73,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head—"50.—Civil Works (Provincial.)"

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 15

(54-A.—FAMINE RELIEF)

The Hon'ble Shri MOTIRAM BORA: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.28,535 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "54A.—Famine Relief".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly

Rs.2,15,000

II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for :—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(b) Gratuitous Relief ...	...	8,535	8,535
(c) Salaries and Establishment ...	20,000	...	20,000
Total ...	20,000	8,535	28,535

**The Explanatory notes explain the whole position and I hope the House will agree to this demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.28,535 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "54A.—Famine Relief".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 16

(57.—MISCELLANEOUS)

The Hon'ble Shri MOTIRAM BORA: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.8,65,388 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous".

**EXPLANATORY NOTES

(b)—Rs.8,535 is due to certain unforeseen causes such as failure of crops, damage caused by Fire and scarcity of food in Lushai and Naga Hills Districts. An advance of Rs.8,535 was sanctioned from the Contingency Fund to meet the unforeseen expenditure.

(c)—Rs.20,000—The amount is required for relief measures in connection with the devastating floods. The amount was sanctioned from the Contingency Fund to meet the unforeseen expenditure.

	Rs.		
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...			75,89,500
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for :—			
	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
F. Irrecoverable Temporary Loans and advances written off. ...		1,700	1,700
I.—Contributions—			
Grants to Local Bodies for general purposes. ...	11,000	...	11,000
Grants to Local Bodies in connection with earthquake. ...	6,83,088	...	6,83,088
K.—(a) Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges—			
(4) Miscellaneous charges ...	1,69,600	...	1,69,600
Total ...	8,63,688	1,700	8,65,388

*The Explanatory Notes below will explain the necessity for this demand and the explanatory notes are exhaustive in connection with this demand. I hope the House will agree to it.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.8,65,388 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous."

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.17

(57.—B—CAPITAL OUT LAY ON ROAD TRANSPORT SCHEMES FINANCED FROM ORDINARY REVENUES.)

The Hon'ble Shri RAMNATH DAS: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.35,945 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which

†EXPLANATORY NOTES

F.—Due to scarcity of food in the Sutnga Doloiship of Jowai Subdivision Rs.1,700 was sanctioned in the year 1948 under "Loans and Advances to Cultivators" but as the people who took loans were unable to repay the same, Government decided to write off the amount as irrecoverable. As the grant under the head "57.—Miscellaneous—F.—Irrecoverable temporary Loans and Advances written off" for the year 1950-51 did not cover this amount of Rs.1,700, the additional provision is necessary in the current year's budget to cover the amount.

I.—Details may be seen at Appendix b.

As regards the provision of Rs.6,83,088, the amount is required for construction and repairs of earthquake damage roads and bridges under Local Bodies. The expenditure will be shared on 50:50 basis between the Government of India and State Government.

K.(a)4.—As the personal Ledger Account of the Director of Assam Transport with the Imperial Bank of India has been finally closed in 1st January 1951, it has been decided to meet all outstanding and unforeseen expenditure by debit to this head. Hence the Supplementary provision (Rs.69,600). Another amount of Rs.1,00,000 is required for acquisition of lands with buildings for accommodation of Hon'ble Ministers and Government Officers in Shillong in pursuance of the Government Policy to that effect.

will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "57.-B—Capital Outlay on Road Transport Schemes financed from Ordinary Revenues".

Rs.

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	10,57,500
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—			
Section III—Pandu-Gauhati-Shillong Service—			
(2) Vehicles	...	...	35,945

*The Explanatory Notes give the reason for this demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.35,945 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "57.-B—Capital Outlay on Road Transport Schemes financed from Ordinary Revenues".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.18

(63.—EXTRAORDINARY CHARGES)

The Hon'ble Shri MOTIRAM BORA : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.1,000 only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "63.—Extraordinary Charges".

Rs.

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	26,07,400
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—			

General Sixth Schedule Total
(Part A) Areas

Rs. Rs. Rs.

A.—Charges in India—

(i) Reward for gallantry in the field.	1,000	...	1,000
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*EXPLANATORY NOTES

An additional amount of Rs.17,050 is required mainly for the purchase of one first class car for use of distinguished visitors to this State. Another amount of Rs.18,895 is due to payment of the cost of two Assam Transport Vehicles ASX.572 and ASX.574 to form the pool of State Transport Vehicles and one Land Rover Station Wagon to supplement one of the pooled Vehicles transferred to the Hon'ble Minister, Supply.

The necessity for this amount is explained in the *Explanatory Notes below. I hope the House will agree to this demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.1,000 only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "63.—Extraordinary Charges."

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.19

(64.—C—PRE—PARTITION PAYMENTS)

The Hon'ble Shri MOTIRAM BORA: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.13,268 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "64.—C—Pre-partition payments".

	Rs.		
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly			10,000
II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for:—			
	General Sixth Schedule Total (Part A) Areas		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cottage Industries	13,268	...	13,268

The †Explanatory Notes give the details for this demand and I hope the House will agree to it.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.13,268 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "64.—C—Pre-partition payments".

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

The expenditure is due to the fact that a monetary award has to be paid to a certain individual for gallantry decoration in the field. This is in accordance with the decision taken by Government during the year 1950, following the example of other States, to grant monetary award to men in the Armed Services from Assam who have distinguished themselves during the War and were awarded military honours for gallantry in the field. No provision could be made in the current year's budget earlier in view of the fact that the list of awardees from Assam was received late after the date by which schedules for 1951-52 budget were to be submitted.

†EXPLANATORY NOTES

The amount is required to make payment to the Court of the Sub-Judge, Silchar being the claim decreed against the Government of Assam by Shri Binoy Bhusan Saha. The expenditure could not be foreseen while framing the original budget.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.20

(82.—CAPITAL ACCOUNTS OF OTHER PROVINCIAL WORKS OUT-SIDE
THE REVENUE ACCOUNT)

The Hon'ble Shri RAMNATH DAS : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.3,51,698 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "82.—Capital Account of other Provincial Works outside the Revenue Account".

Rs.

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... Nil.

General

Rs.

II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—

A. Original Works :—

Refugee and Rehabilitation	3,00,000
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B. Establishment—

Pay of Officers...	16,800
Pay of Establishment	17,148
Allowances and Honoraria	11,750
Contingencies	6,000

Total Establishment	51,698
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Grand total	3,51,698
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The ††Explanatory Note gives in details the need for this Demand.

††EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Government of India sanctioned a loan of Rs.10,00,000 for the Scheme, for construction of Refugee market at Gauhati and the Scheme is being financed accordingly from the above loan. The amount spent in the Market Scheme will be recovered ultimately from the displaced person in shape of rent.

The details of the current year's requirement may be seen at Appendix b.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.3,51,698 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "82.—Capital Account of other Provincial Works outside the Revenue Account".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.21

(85.-A—CAPITAL OUT LAY ON SCHEMES OF STATE TRADING)

The Hon'ble Shri MOHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURI : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head "85-A—Capital Outlay on Schemes of State Trading."

Rs.

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly 100

II.—Sub-heads under which Supplementary grant will be accounted for—

General Sixth Schedule Total
(Part A) Areas

A.—Grain Storage Scheme—Rice Control :—

	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
III.—Expenditure on Establishment, etc., (voted)	4,34,500	...	4,34,500

D.—Other Miscellaneous Scheme :—

(c) Expenditure on the Schemes for purchase and distribution of Cloth and yarn.	1,00,000	...	1,00,000
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Total	5,34,500	...	5,34,500
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*The Explanatory Notes explain the necessity for this demand.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. III. As an emergency measure it has been decided by Government to entertain 10 platoons of Armed Branch Police for prevention of smuggling along the borders. The entire cost of this force will initially be met from "29—Police" but ultimately it will be debitable to "85-A Capital Outlay, etc." This includes Trs.1'50 for temporary accommodation for 10 platoons of Armed Police Force.

D. (c). It was expected at the time of preparation of the budget estimate for 1951-52 that the entire payment on account of godown insurance premia would be made before the close of the year 1950-51. But this could not be done due to some controversial points pending clarification and settlement. Hence to meet the expenditure during the current year the proposed additional provision has been found necessary.

This is a capital head and the additional provision of Rs 5,34,500 proposed under different sub-heads will be neutralised by the receipts and recoveries under the head. In other words, the net result will remain a minus provision and hence the demand is for a token grant of Rs.100.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "85-A—Capital Outlay on Schemes of State Trading".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 22.

(LOANS AND ADVANCES)

The Hon'ble Shri MOTIRAM BORA :

On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 64,20,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment., during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head—"Loans and Advances."

1. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... Rs. 1,07,34,000
 11. Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—

	General	Sixth Schedule	
		(Part A) Areas Total	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B—Loans and Advances by the State Government—	63, 50,000	70, 000	64, 20, 000

The * explanatory notes given below explain the necessity for this demand and I hope the House will agree to it.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs. 64, 20, 000 be granted to the Minister-in charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head—"Loans and Advances".

* EXPLANATORY NOTES.

B.—Out of the total additional grant of Rs. 64,20,000, Rs.10,70,000 is required for making advances to cultivators as "cattle loan" "paddy loan" and "seed loan", etc. who suffered from the effects of Earthquake, Floods and other disasters.

Rupees 50,000 is required for "Miscellaneous Loans and Advances". This amount has been granted as a loan to Messrs. Hindusthan Builders, Ltd., Nowgong, (Assam) for the establishment of a "Saw Mill".

The above expenditures were of unforeseen nature and have been met by advances from the Contingency Fund.

Rupees 47,00,000 is for loans for Refugees. The original provision of Rs. 50,00,000 has been found to be quite inadequate for the purpose as certain new Schemes have been sanctioned by the Government of India for the rehabilitation on Refugees.

Rupees 6,90,000 is required to meet the increased demand for "House Building Advances".

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 1

(4.—TAXES ON INCOME OTHER THAN CORPORATION TAX)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : I shall now put the demands.

There is no cut motion to Demand No. 1.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 22, 574 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "4.—Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.2

(7.—LAND REVENUE)

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to say a word in connection with this Demand. I simply draw the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister that in the Gauhati subdivision there is a place called Simna, Phuturi, Kuarpur, etc., where there are more than 400 families of Brahmaputra eroded people. These people have been crying for settlement of land somewhere in the Panikheti Mouza. They waited upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister at Gauhati as recently as on the 25th August. I find from the list of questions of today that our new member Sriman Nalini Kumar Choudhury also asked some questions about it. These people have sent a representation on the same date to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. I hope he will see his way to allot some land to these people.

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, some of these people met me at Gauhati. I explained the matter in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner. There may not be any waste land available at Panikheti. Land may however be available in some grants not utilised at present. But it will take some time to requisition the grants and for making allotments. For the time being the Deputy Commissioner has been directed to give them alternative sites where they can carry on cultivation immediately. They came with the headmaster of the Palasbari High School, Mr. Goswami, who also agreed with this suggestion. This matter will certainly received the attention of Government.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR : May I enquire Sir, where the cocoanut nursery is going to be established ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : This question does not arise in connection with this demand. The hon. Member may raise this point when the relevant demand is put.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 1,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "7. —Land Revenue".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 3

(10.—FORESTS)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : There is no cut motion to this Demand.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 2, 93, 019 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "10.—Forests".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 4

(18-B AND 68-B.—NAVIGATION, EMBANKMENTS AND DRAINAGE WORKS)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : There is no cut motion to this demand also. The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 7, 26, 000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952 for the administration of the head "18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankments and Drainage Works".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 5

(25.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : There are three cut motions one standing in the name of Srijut Haladhar Bhuyan and the other two in the name of Dr. E.H. Chaudhury.

Srijut Bhuyan wants to raise a general discussion about the ensuing General Election, *i.e.*, he wants to criticise the policy of Government. That is out of order.

Similarly motion No. 3 is also out of order.

Motion No. 2 cannot be moved as Dr. Emran Husain Chadhury is absent. I therefore put the main grant.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 3, 60, 835 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 6

(27.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : There is no cut motion.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 24, 800 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "27.—Administration of Justice".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.7

(29.—POLICE)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The question is that an additional sum of Rs.10,91,886 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952 for the administration of the head "29.—Police".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.8.

(36.—SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENTS)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The question is that a sum of Rs.800 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "36.—Scientific Departments".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.9.

(37.—EDUCATION)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The question is that an additional sum of Rs.2,50,724 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, ; for the administration of the head —"37.—Education".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.10.

(38.—MEDICAL)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : There is no cut motion. The question is that an additional sum of Rs.5,042 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "38.—Medical".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.11.

(39.—PUBLIC HEALTH)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : There is one cut motion, but the mover is absent. The question is that an additional sum of Rs.2,96,907 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head—"39.—Public Health"

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.12

(40.—AGRICULTURE)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: There are two cut motions in the name of Dr. E. H. Chaudhury who is absent. The question is that an additional sum of Rs.73,041 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "40—Agriculture."

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.13

(42.—CO-OPERATION—11.—RURAL DEVELOPMENT)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The question is that an additional sum of Rs.13,34,728 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "42.—Co-operation—11—Rural Development".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.14

(50.—CIVIL WORKS—PROVINCIAL)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Cut motion nil. The question is that an additional sum of Rs.19,73,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "50.—Civil Works (Provincial)".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.15

(54A.—FAMINE RELIEF.)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 28,535 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head "54-A.—Famine Relief".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.16

(57.—MISCELLANEOUS)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The question is that an additional sum of Rs.8,65,388 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.17

(57-B.—CAPITAL OUT-LAY ON ROAD TRANSPORT SCHEMES FINANCED FROM ORDINARY REVENUES)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The question is that an additional sum of Rs.35,945 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "57-B.—Capital Out-lay on Road Transport Schemes financed from Ordinary Revenues".

The motion was adopted.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : Mr Speaker, Sir, I want one minute to place a matter before the House. I have received a communication from some students of the Gauhati University. They want to know why the Gauhati University are not holding Supplementary Examination for those students who failed in their second attempt for their Intermediate Arts Examination of 1950 on the old Syllabus. I do not know what is the actual position as it is an internal matter of the University, but I hope Government can use their authority to see whether another chance can be given to the students to be examined on the old Syllabus.

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS : Sir, the University is an autonomous Body and I do not think Government has any power to compel the University to hold a Supplementary Examination. But, we may discuss with the University if they would like to hold such Supplementary Examination, in view of the failures.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.18.

(63.—EXTRAORDINARY CHARGES)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : There are no cut motions. The question is that an additional sum of Rs.1,000 only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "63.—Extraordinary Charges".

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 19

(62-C.—PRE-PARTITION PAYMENTS)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 13,268 be granted to the Minister-in-Charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1952 for the administration of the head " 62-C.—Pre-partition payments.

The motion was adopted.

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AMENDMENT) BILL, 1951

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 20

(82.—CAPITAL ACCOUNT OF OTHER PROVINCIAL WORKS, ETC.)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 3,51,698 be granted to the Minister-in-Charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "82.—Capital Account of other Provincial Works outside the Revenue Account.

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 21

(85-A.—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON SCHEMES OF STATE TRADING)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The question is that an additional sum of Rs. 100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1952, for the administration of the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay on Schemes of State Trading.

The motion was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 22

(LOANS AND ADVANCES)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: There is a cut motion in the name of Srijut Haladhar Bhuyan.

Srijut HALADHAR BHUYAN: Sir, I am not going to move it.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The question is that, an additional sum of Rs. 64,20,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment, during the year ending 31st March, 1952, for the administration of the head—"Loans and Advances".

The motion was adopted.

The Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 1951

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to seek your permission to present this great important Bill, viz., The Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 1951 and to move that the Bill be taken into consideration. This is a very important Bill. It is really unfortunate that for the security and safety and also for maintenance of law and order of the country, we had been under the exigencies of the circumstances compelled to restrain movements of certain youngmen especially belonging to the R. C. P. I. and C. P. I., who want to capture power by resorting to violent means. For that purpose, they carry on their overground and underground subversive activities. They carry on their activities overground with the help of the underground members of their parties. Naturally we had to restrict their movements which were essential to preserve the security of the State so that they could not misuse their power, but it is recognised that such restrictions should be reasonable.

The object of this Bill is to constitute an Advisory Council, which will review the cases of all persons against whom orders of restrictions are passed under the Assam Maintenance of Public Order Act, 1947. This Advisory Council will

advise Government from time to time as to the reasonableness or otherwise of the restriction orders imposed on persons after reconsidering the materials placed before them and also representations, if any of the persons concerned.

For that purpose, I want to present the Bill before the House. This being a very important thing for the benefit of the persons against whom the order of restriction is passed, I hope the House will not waive the consideration of this Bill.

The Bill is prepared on the 29th August, 1951.

Under Rule 3(1) of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules, the Hon'ble the Speaker may in his discretion according to the exigencies of the business, extend the hour.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : I think the House will have no objection to consider this beneficial measure. Mr. Hardman, what do you say ?

Mr. J. S. HARDMAN : I have no objection.

Srijut HALADHAR BHUYAN : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিলখন উপস্থাপিত (Introduction) কৰাত মোৰ আপত্তি আছে। অবশ্যে দেশখনৰ নিৰাপত্তা আমিও বিচাৰো। কিন্তু মোৰ বিশ্বাস এই সময়ত এই বিলখন পাছহলে এই বিলৰ সুবিধা লৈ বহু মানুহক অন্যায কৰিব পাৰিব।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Introduce কৰাৰ কাৰণে আপুনি আপত্তি কৰিব নালাগে। মোচন এটাতহে আপুনি আপত্তি কৰিব লাগে। (হাহি)

Srijut HALADHAR BHUYAN : মই মোচনতেই আপত্তি কৰিছো। (Interruption).

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : আপুনি কি মোচনত আপত্তি কৰিছে? আপুনি বোধকৰো জনা নাই। এখন বিল consideration motion কৰিবলৈ আমাৰ সাধাৰণতে ৭ দিন সময় লাগে। যিহওক মই এইবিষয়ে হাৰ্ডমেন চাহাবকো সুধিছো, তেখেতেও কৈছে যে তেখেতৰ ইয়াত কোনো আপত্তি নাই।

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNU RAM MEDHI : Assam Maintenance of Public Order অনুসাবে গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে কিছুমান মানুহৰ ওপৰত Restriction Order জাৰি কৰিছে। ইয়াৰ মন্ত্ৰ এয়ে যে যেই সেই মানুহে যেই সেই ঠাইলৈ গৈ কিবা গোলমাল কৰাটো কেৱল গভৰ্ণমেণ্টৰে নহয় সৰ্বসাধাৰণ শান্তিপ্রিয় লোকৰো অবাঞ্ছনীয়। গতিকে সেই অবাঞ্ছনীয় লোকসকলৰ গতিবিধি আৰু কাৰ্য্য পদ্ধতি সীমাবদ্ধ কৰিবলৈ অৰ্থাৎ কিছুমান ঠাইলৈ নাযাবলৈ কিছুমান কাম নকৰিবলৈ হুকুম দিয়া হৈছে।

আগেয়ে সেই Act খনৰ order বিলাক executive body য়ে নিজ ইচ্ছামতে থিয়োগ কৰিব পাৰিছিল, আৰু সেইবোৰ নিৰপেক্ষ ভাবে পৰীক্ষা কৰাৰ বৰ্তমান আইনত কোনো ব্যৱস্থা নাই। এতিয়া সেইবিলাকক কিছ বেচি সুবিধা দিয়াৰ কাৰণে এই বিলখন অনা হৈছে। এই বিল অনুসৰি এজন হাইকোর্টৰ জজ হব পৰা চেয়াৰমেন আৰু দুজন মেম্বাৰেৰে সৈতে তিনিজন জজৰ এখন Advisory Council অনুষ্ঠিত কৰা হৈছে। এতিয়া Public Maintenance Act মতে কোনো মানুহৰ ওপৰত কিবা order দিয়াৰ পিছত এই Council এ কাগজ পত্ৰ পৰিষ্কা কৰি তেওলোকৰ মতামত গভৰ্ণমেণ্টক জানিবলৈ দিব আৰু সেই ৰিপোর্ট বিবেচনা কৰি গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে যথাবিহিত হুকুম দিব।

গতিকে মোৰ বোধেৰে এই বিলত কাৰো অধিকাৰ ক্ষুণ্ণ হোৱা নাই। বা এই বিলৰ সেইটো উদ্দেশ্যও নহয়। বৰং আগতকৈ বেচি সুযোগ সুবিধা দিবলৈহে এই বিল অনা হৈছে।

Srijut HALADHAR BHUYAN : সেইটো মই বুজিছো।

যেতিয়া এই বিল খন পাছ হব তেতিয়া এই বিলৰ বলত over jealous পুলিচ অফিচাৰ সকলে বহু লোকক ধৰপাকৰ কৰাত সুবিধা হব বিশেষকৈ এই অহা ইলেকচনৰ সময়ত। আৰু যেতিয়া লোকে হৈ-ছে লগাব তেতিয়া গবৰ্ণমেণ্টে কব যে Advisory Council ত Representative দিয়ক—আপত্তি কৰক। মই এই শ্বিনিত হৈ আপত্তি কৰিছা। আপুনি জানে দেশত Civil Liberty Association আদি গঠন হৈছে আৰু সেইবিলাকে দঢ়াই দঢ়াই এনে বিলাক আইনৰ বিষয়ে আপত্তি কৰি আছে আৰু ঠায়ে ঠায়ে সভা সমিতি কৰিয়েই আছে।

গভৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ হাতত যথেষ্ট ক্ষমতা (power) আছে। তেওঁলোকে ইচ্ছা কৰিলে ধৰিব পাৰে; আদালতলৈ দিব পাৰে। মই কেৱল এইটোকেই আপত্তি কৰিছো যে State does not mean the Cabinet Ministers alone—it includes the man on the street also.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : এতিয়া আপুনি যিবিলাক কথা কৈছে সেইবিলাক পিচত ক'লেহে প্ৰাসঙ্গিক হব।

Srijut HALADHAR BHUYAN : হয় তেতিয়া কম। এই বিষয়ে অন্ততঃ এমাহৰ নাটক দিব লাগিছিল।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : আপুনি সেইদৰে ভাবিব পাৰে। তেখেতে যি দৰে কৈছে—মই ভাবো তাৰ পৰা detained মানুহ বিলাকৰ সুবিধা হব আৰু তেওঁলোকৰ কিছু সুবিধা হব বুলি ভাবিয়েই মই 'মচন' (motion) টো কৰিবলৈ অনুমতি দিছো।

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 1951; and to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

In making this Motion I may remove the misapprehension that may be in the mind of our Friend Shri Bhuyandeu that it is not with the idea of arresting fresh batch of people that this legislation is sought but on the representation of the Communists as well as others who are under detention under the Preventive Detention Act and who now desire to participate in the General Election. With a view to give full facility to all those who sincerely desire to take part in coming General Election we have examined the cases of the detainees and after examination we have released persons against whom there is no immediate apprehension that they will join any underground movement to carry on anti-social, and anti-State activities. In such cases they have been released unconditionally without imposition of any order restricting their movement. But in cases of those who are likely to take advantage of their release for carrying on anti-social and violent activities themselves or through their underground friends and comrades, Government consider it desirable to impose restriction on such persons for preventing them from their illegal activities. Our idea is not to keep under detention or restriction any person even a moment longer than is considered necessary for the safety and security of the State. Government have released some persons without any conditions and have imposed restriction on those who are likely to carry on illegal activities. In view of the large number of decoities and other crimes that are being committed throughout the State, it is considered essential to restrict movement for some time to see that they have abandoned their habits of using violence for achieving their objectives. Under the circumstances we had no alternative but to impose restriction on such person. Under the provision of this Bill those whose movement have thus been restricted have been given

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the right of representing their case before a Tribunal consisting of three members, one of whom has the qualification of being a High Court Judge. This Tribunal will consider the reasonableness of the restrictions from the materials that are placed before them. It is not with the idea of arresting fresh batch of persons that we seek this amendment but it is with a view to afford the internees an opportunity to show to the Independent Advisory Committee that the order of restriction is not reasonable. Our idea is to gradually release all persons and remove all restrictions as soon as Government is satisfied that they have no idea of joining any anti-social and under ground activities and of encouraging the underground comrades to help their illegal activities. As soon as Government is satisfied that there is no danger to the security of the State they will remove all the restrictions so that each citizen of the State can freely join in the election and get an opportunity of electing their own representatives and have a Government of their choice or change the Government as they like in case they succeed in getting the vote of the country. With these few words I request the hon. Members of the House to except my Motion.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Motion move is that the Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 1951, be taken into consideration.

ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়া, এতিয়া আপুনি কলে কব পাৰে। এতিয়া কলেহে প্ৰাসঙ্গিক হব।

Srijut HALADHAR BHUYAN : মই আগেয়ে কলোৱেই। 'অনাৰেবল লিডাৰ অব দি হাউছে' জানে এনেকুৱা এখন Advisory Board আগৰে পৰাই আছে।

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEHDI : এনেকুৱা ডেটিনিউ নিয়মৰ বাবে Advisory Board আছে। এই বৰ্ডে jail ত আবদ্ধ কৰি ৰখা মানুহবিলাকৰ বিষয়ে কাগজ পত্ৰ চাই আৰু ডেটিনিউৰে লিখা আবেদন বিবেচনা কৰি যথা বিহিত ৰিপোর্ট দিয়ে। সেই ৰিপোর্ট অনুযায়ী গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে যথাবিহিত হুকুম দিয়ে।

In some cases an order restricting the movement of persons can be passed by the Deputy Commissioner as well. So long the party against whom such order is passed had no right to represent their case before the Council. But I would like to give them such facilities to represent their case before a Tribunal of three members, one of whom will be a qualified Judge of the High Court.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The question is that the Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 1951 be taken into consideration.

The Motion was adopted.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Second and the Third Readings of the Bill will be taken up on 4th September 1951. Amendments, if any, are to reach the Assembly Secretariat before 1st September.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : I desired that a group photo of the Hon'ble Members would be taken to-day. But owing to foul weather it cannot be taken to-day. So I would request the hon. Members to be present tomorrow. If the weather is clear we shall take the photo.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A. M. on Saturday, the 1st September, 1951.

Dated Shillong

R. N. BARUA,

The 17th November, 1951.

Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly.

1. The first of the three main parts of the report is a description of the work done during the year. This is followed by a summary of the results of the work, and finally a list of the publications of the year.

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APPENDIX 'B'

List of New Schemes to be included in the Budget during 1951-52

Major, Minor and sub-head under which the provision should be made	Nature of work	Estimate of ultimate cost				Estimate of immediate cost				Remarks
		Non-recurring		Recurring		Non-recurring		Recurring		
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
10.—Forests—A—Conservancy and Works. A(1), AV, AVI—B—Establishment. B-1, B. 2, B. 3 and B. 4.	Establishment of a Resin distillation plant.	67,000	63,300	1,30,300	67,000	45,500	1,12,500		It is proposed to establish a Resin distillation plant for extraction of Resin from the pine trees in Assam and distilling it for the manufacture of Resin and Turpentine oil therefrom and subsequent manufacture of synthetic camphor.	
<p>The plant proposed has a maximum capacity for 2,000 lbs. per day but at the initial stage the plant will process only 1,000 lbs. of resin per day but with the availability of more resin the production and processing figure will be pushed up. The following non-recurring and recurring expenditure will be needed to materialise the scheme.</p>										
		Non-recurring		Immediate		Ultimate				
		(1) Under AV(b)—Plant and Machinery..		Rs. 51,000		Rs. 10,000 (at 20 per cent. of immediate cost.)				
		(2) Under AVI(b)—Buildings ..		.. 17,000		1,000 (at 6½ per cent. of immediate cost.)			
	Total	..		67,000		11,000				

Recurring

(1) Under A1—

(a) Labour for collecting resin ..	15,957	23,160
(b) Cost of transport of 3,750 mds. of resin at Rs. 1 per md. ..	3,750	3,750
(c) Cost of processing at Rs. 2 per md. ..	7,500	7,500
(d) Incidental expenses in connection with the Working of the scheme	7,793	7,604

(2) Under AV(b)—

(a) Resin tapping and collecting equipments, viz., chisel, edges, buckets, etc. ..	1,000	1,000
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(3) Under B(1)—

Pay of Special Officer..	2,412	5,316
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(4) Under B(2)(c)—

Pay of 1 Assistant, one orderly peon, 5 Supervisors for 1 year and 4 Field Assistants for 9 months and 1 chowkidar and 1 peon ..	3,339	8,229
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(5) Under B(3)(a)—

Travelling allowance for the Special Officer, 5 Supervisors, 4 Field Assistants and 1 orderly ..	2,252	4,020
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Major, Minor and sub-head under which the provision should be made	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimate of immediate cost		Remarks
	Nature of work	Non-Recurring	Total	Non-recurring		Recurring Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
					Recurring
					Imme- diate
					Ultimate

The scheme is expected to earn a profit of Rs. 50,000.

18-B.—N.E.D.—					
Works—A—Works leading to protect					
—Earthquake damage—Sadiya Town.					
—Voted.					
	1,76,200	1,76,200	1,76,200	1,76,200	1,76,050
Ditto .. 1. Double bamboo pa-	..	..	..	..	..
Works—A—Works leading to protect					
—Earthquake damage—Sadiya Town.					
—Voted.					
Ditto .. 2. Emergent protection	59,850	59,850	59,850	59,850	59,850
of Dibrugarh town					
from flooding by					
Brahmaputra spill					
1951-52.					
Ditto .. 3. Emergent protec-	1,61,700	1,61,700	1,61,700	1,61,700	1,61,700
tion to Brahmaputra					
left bank of Dibru-					
garh, 1951-52.					
4. Earthquake damage	45,150	45,150	40,000	40,000	40,000
to Gariajan bund in					
North Lakhimpur.					
5. Emergent flood pro-	42,400	42,400	42,400	42,400	42,400
tection measure in					
Earthquake affected					
areas in Tezpur Em-					
bankment and Drain-					
age Division before					
1951 rains.					
Total ..	4,85,300	4,85,300	4,80,000	4,80,000	4,80,000
18-B.—N.E.D.—C.—					
Maintenance and					
Repairs Earthquake					
damage.					
Earthquake damage	4,57,422	4,57,422	2,46,000	2,46,000	2,46,000
repairs to retire-					
ments of bunds in					
Upper Assam Em-					
bankment and					
Drainage Division.					

These works had to be undertaken due to damages caused by the Earthquake of August 1950.

List of New Schemes to be included in the Budget during 1951-52—contd.

Major, minor and sub-head under which the provision should be made	Nature of work	Estimate of ultimate cost			Estimate of immediate cost			Remarks
		Non-Recurring		Total	Non-Recurring		Total	
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		
39.—Public Health— B.—Grants for Public Health purposes.	Grants-in-aid to (1) the Gauhati Municipality for meeting the departmental charges levied by the Public Works Department for the improvement and maintenance of the Water Works and (2) the Hallakandi Town Committee for improvement of Water Supply in the Hallakandi Small Town.	2,59,000	..	2,59,000	2,59,000	..	2,59,000	Out of the total amount of Rs.2,59,000, Rs.2,53,000 is required for giving a grant-in-aid to Gauhati Municipality in order to enable it to pay the departmental charge levied by Public Works Department for maintenance and improvement of the Gauhati Water Works and the balance of Rs.6,000 is for a grant being sanctioned to the Hallakandi Town Committee for maintenance of the existing tanks and for excavation of new tanks.
								The Water Works at Gauhati were transferred temporarily to the Public Works Department with effect from 1st May 1947 for improvement and maintenance. All expenditure incurred by Public Works Department on this account will be an appropriate charge on the fund of the Municipality. Public Works Department have already drawn up necessary scheme costing over six lakhs of rupees for the improvement of the water works and the Municipality Board has already taken consolidated loan of Rs.4,29,500 and a further loan of Rs.2,58,500 is to be sanctioned this year for early completion of the Water Works Project. The Board was also sanctioned another loan of Rs.4 lakhs in 1948-49 for improvement of roads and conservancy.

After making payment of the heavy instalments in liquidation of the loan obtained from Government, the financial position of the Board does not allow it to pay the departmental charge of 25 per cent. levied by the Public Works Department for improvement and maintenance of the Water Works. On a representation made by the Municipality, Government have decided to give a grant-in-aid to the extent of the amount of departmental charge levied by Public Works Department to the Municipality and recover the amount of departmental charge from the grant-in-aid. The amount of departmental charge upto 31st March 1951 comes to Rs.2,53,000 and hence the provision is required.

On account of the increased population, which was mainly due to influx of refugees, the Water Supply position of the Hailakandi Town Committee has become very acute. The financial condition of the Town Committee is such that it can hardly maintain over the small number of existing tanks in proper condition. The Town Committee is also not in a position to repay any loan if sanctioned. Considering the peculiar circumstances of the Small Town Committee and in view of urgency of the scheme it is proposed that a grant of Rs.6,000 be sanctioned to the Town Committee in the current financial year, and hence the provision is required.

10,907 The tank which is situated in the midst of some thickly populated villages is in a dilapidated condition and require renovation in order to make the water fit for human consumption. The people in the neighbouring area as well as the pilgrim coming from all parts of Assam are badly suffering for want of drinking water.

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39.—Public Health—Renovation of the F.—Works—Original tank attached to Hajong Temple in the Public Works Department. District of Kamrup.

List of New Schemes to be included in the Budget during 1951-52—*contd.*

Major, Minor and sub-heads under which the provision should be made	Nature of work	Estimate of ultimate cost				Estimate of immediate cost				Remarks
		Non-Recurring		Total	Non-Recurring		Total			
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.				
39.—P.H.—General—F.—Works—Repairs.	(1) Extensive repairs to Public Health Department Dispensary buildings damaged by storm, etc.	20,000	..	20,000	20,000	..	20,000	20,000	Most of the Public Health Department Dispensary buildings all over the State and particularly those at the following places have been greatly damaged by successive storms and hail storms in April and May 1951.	
39.—P.H.—General—F.—Works—P.H.—Original Works.	(2) Reconstruction of the quarters of the Assistant Surgeon, II in-charge, Monoha Public Health Department Dispensary in the Nowgong District destroyed by fire.	7,000	..	7,000	7,000	..	7,000	7,000	(1) Chapanalla, (2) Salchapara, (3) Matijuri, (4) Dalu, (5) Dohotia, (6) Dumnichowki, (7) Changsari, (8) Bhakatpara, (9) Dudnai, (10) Barama, (11) Nelli, (12) Lenimati, (13) Mikirbhetta, (14) Jajori, (15) Monoha, (16) Singimari, (17) Samaguri, (18) Ambagan, (19) Aibheti, (20) Lanka, (21) Dotoma. The existing grant under "repairs" in the current year is Rs.26,000 only and quite inadequate for the purpose. Hence an additional grant of Rs.20,000 is necessary for the purpose. This comes to a total of Rs.46,000 under "repairs" during 1951-52.	
	Total	..	27,000	..	27,000	..	27,000	27,000	(2) The quarters of the Assistant Surgeon II in-charge, Monoha Public Health Department Dispensary in the Nowgong District was destroyed by jungle fire recently. Construction of the quarters at an approximate cost of Rs.7,000 is necessary. Hence a sum of Rs.7,000 is to be provided under "original works" in the budget of 1951-52.	

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59.—C.W.—A.O.W. —(a)—Buildings— EQ. damage. General Adminis- tration.	Construction of a Nissen Hut for tem- porary accommo- dation of Deputy Commissioner's Court and office at Dibrugarh.	57,374	..	57,374	20,000	..	20,000
Total—General Administration.		57,374	..	57,374	20,000	..	20,000
Jails and Convict Settlements	Restoration of Earth- quake damage (Re- construction) to cook house in Dis- trict jail at Dibru- garh.	5,950	..	5,950	5,950	..	5,950
Ditto	.. Restoration of Earth- quake damage (re- construction) to guard an office room in District jail at Dibrugarh.	26,680	..	26,680	5,000	..	5,000
Ditto	.. Reconstruction of Earthquake da- mages (Reconstruc- tion) to solitary cells in the District jail at Dibrugarh.	17,176	..	17,176	8,000	..	8,000
Ditto	.. Restoration (Recon- struction) of Earth- quake damage to Hospital Buildings in District Jail, Dibrugarh.	20,153	..	20,153	8,000	..	8,000

List of New Schemes to be included in the Budget during 1951-52—*contd.*

Major, Minor and sub-heads under which the provision should be made	Nature of work	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimates of immediate cost			Remarks
		Non-recurring		Recurring		Total	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Jails and Convict Settlement.	Restoration of Earth-quake (reconstruction) to store room in District Jail at Dibrugarh (Go-down).	3,217	..	3,217	3,000	..	3,000
Ditto	.. Restoration of Earth-quake damage to ward Nos. 5, 6 and 9 in the District Jail at Dibrugarh.	60,134	..	60,134	20,000	..	20,000
Ditto	.. Restoration of Earth-quake damage to the sub-jail at Sibsagar.	87,457	..	87,457	30,000	..	30,000
Ditto	.. Construction of a pucca enclosure wall in the temporary jail at Dibrugarh.	50,200	..	50,200	20,000	..	20,000
Ditto	.. Restoration of Earth-quake damages to North Lakhimpur Jail.	10,240	..	10,240	7,000	..	7,000
Total—Jails and Convicts, etc.		2,81,207	..	2,81,207	1,06,950	..	1,06,950

Education	..	Earthquake damage repair to Hostel Superintendent's Quarters at Sadiya.	12,449	..	12,449	5,000	..	5,000
Ditto	..	Reconstruction of departmental buildings of North Lakhimpur Government High School.	1,60,000	..	1,60,000	7,000	..	7,000
Total Education ..			1,72,449	..	1,72,449	12,000	..	12,000
Public Health	..	Reconstruction of the 16 Public Health Department Dispensary buildings damaged by Earthquake.	1,57,500	..	1,57,500	1,57,500	..	1,57,500
Total—Public Health			1,57,500	..	1,57,500	1,57,500	..	1,57,500

Most of the Public Health Department Dispensary buildings in the Lakhimpur, Sibsagar and Nowgong districts have been greatly damaged by the last earthquake and require reconstruction immediately. The Public Health Department Dispensaries at (1) Dholepur, (2) Panigaon, (3) Ghillamora, (4) Bebeja, (5) Maskhawa, (6) Hilputa, (7) Boribanchung, (8) Namtiali, (9) Patsaku, (10) Charingia, (11) Dekhuri, (12) Dolamara, (13) Panikara, (14) Kamabandha Ali, (15) Chinatali, (16) Kathiatiali require reconstruction at each place. Hence a sum of Rs.1,57,500 is to be provided in the current year's budget of the Public Works Department under '50—Civil Works'.

List of New Schemes to be included in the Budget during 1951-52—*contd.*

Major, minor and sub-heads under which provision should be made	Nature of scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost			Estimate of expenditure during 1951-52			Remarks
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Civil Works	.. Restoration of Earthquake damages to Executive Engineer's Residence with out-houses at Dibrugarh.	15,997	..	15,997	10,000	..	10,000	
Ditto	.. Restoration of Earthquake damages to Public Works Department Godown at Sibsagar.	4,581	..	4,581	2,000	..	2,000	
Ditto	.. Restoration of Earthquake damages to Chowkidar's shed attached to Executive Engineer and Subdivisional Officer, Public Works Department's Office at Dibrugarh.	8,546	..	8,546	4,000	..	4,000	

Ditto	..	Construction of Temporary office buildings and staff quarters for new North Lak- himpur Division.	1,05,011	..	1,03,011	40,000	..	40,000
Total—Civil Works	..		1,34,135	..	1,34,135	56,000	..	56,000

(A) O.W.(c)—Miscellaneous Works—Earthquake damage.	Expenditure on sinking tube wells in earthquake affected areas.	500	..	500	500	..	500
Total	..	500	..	500	500	..	500

SIXTH SCHEDULE (PART A) AREAS

“50—Civil Works—Provincial—A.—O. W.—(a) Buildings—General Administration—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas”.	Construction of Additional Deputy Commissioner's quarters, Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office, Assistant quarters and D. B.'s line at Birema in the Naga Hills District.	10,000	..	10,000	10,000	..	10,000
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It is essential to construct Additional Deputy Commissioner's quarters, Additional Deputy Commissioner's office, Office Assistants' quarters, and D. B.'s line at Birema in the Naga Hills District for the sake of efficient administration.

List of New Schemes to be included in the Budget for 1951-52—contd.

Major, Minor and Sub-heads under which provision should be made	Nature of Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost			Estimate of expenditure during 1951-52			Remarks
		Non-recur- ring		Total	Non-recur- ring		Total	
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		
50—C.W.—Provincial Reconstruction of A. O. W.—(b) Com- munications—Voted Earthquake dama- ges.	Reconstruction of Gujjan-Murkong-selek Road.	3,30,000	..	3,30,000	70,000	..	70,000	
	Saikoa-Dirakmukh Road 6.02 miles—Section I.	28,733	..	28,733	10,000	..	10,000	
	Reconstruction of Bridge No. 4/1 on Dibrugarh-Rangasara-Tinsukia Road.	59,000	..	59,000	10,000	..	10,000	
	Tingrai and Sessa Bridges on Lahoal-Bardubi Road.	60,000	..	60,000	10,000	..	10,000	
	Reconstruction of North Trunk Road East (unmetalled) from mile 101 to 111.	91,153	..	91,153	20,000	..	20,000	
.	Reconstruction of Metalled North Trunk Road East from mile 119th to 129th.	2,84,662	..	2,84,662	40,000	..	40,000	
.	Dismantling the Ranganadi Bridge.	1,00,000	..	1,00,000	30,000	..	30,000	

	7,400	..	7,400	4,000	..	4,000		Ra.
Reconstruction of unmetalled Bodot-Bihpuria Road.								22,080
Reconstruction of North Trunk Road, North Lakhimpur to Chaldhoa.	7,00,000	..	7,00,000	80,000	..	80,000		20,070
Reconstruction of North Lakhimpur-Kamalabari Road.	3,72,000	..	3,72,000	80,000	..	80,000		23,350
Reconstruction of Rangajan Road.	50,000	..	50,000	20,000	..	20,000		9,500
Restoring Teok Bridge at 100th mile of Dhodar Ali in Sibsagar Subdivision (Damaged by Earthquake).	20,369	..	20,369	8,000	..	8,000		
Converting Brahma-pura bund with fair weather extension into an all-weather approach road to Desang-mukh steamerghat (to meet the situation arisen due to earthquake).	97,190	..	97,190	25,000	..	25,000		
Reconstruction of Siloni Bari Road.	18,000	..	18,000	10,000	..	10,000		
Reconstruction of Dijco-Siloni Bari Road.	38,000	..	38,000	10,000	..	10,000		
Expenditure on Temporary North Lakhimpur Division.	75,906	..	75,906	75,000	..	75,000	Executive Staff Ministerial Staff Allowances, etc. Contingencies	75,000
Total—(b) Communications.	23,32,418	..	23,32,418	5,02,000	..	5,02,000		75,000

List of New Schemes to be included in the Budget for 1951-52—*contd.*

Major, Minor and Sub-heads under which provision should be made	Nature of Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost			Estimate of expenditure during 1951-52		Remarks
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	Non-recurring	Recurring	
50.—Civil Works— D.—Grants-in-aid for communications.	Grant-in-aid to Local Bodies for maintenance and improvement of roads.	Rs. 6,25,000	Rs. ..	Rs. 6,25,000	Rs. 6,25,000	Rs. ..	Of the amount of Rs.6,25,000, Rs.5,00,000 is for grants-in-aid to Local Boards and Rural Panchayats and the balance of Rs.1,25,000 is meant for grants to Municipal Boards and Town Committee for maintenance and improvement of roads.
							Considering the great length of roads in the vast rural areas and their present unsatisfactory condition, Government are of opinion that further improvement to them should be made by the Local Boards and Rural Panchayats. But as these Bodies cannot do this without further financial aid from Government it is therefore proposed that further amount of Rs.5,00,000 in addition to the existing provision of Rs.5,76,905 be distributed on the basis of Local rates to Local Boards, and Rural Panchayats for repairs, maintenance and improvement of roads in their respective Areas.
							Similarly, in consideration of the present difficulties of the Municipal Boards and Town Committees Government have decided to distribute on the basis of mileage of roads existing in each Municipality or Town Committee a further sum of Rs.1,25,000 in addition to the existing provision of Rs.23,415 as non-recurring communication grant in the current year's budget for the maintenance, improvement and improvement of roads in their respective Areas.

Both these grants will be made on the basis of actual expenditure incurred by the various Boards on new roads projects not included in their original budgets to be financed out of their own resources or from grants already sanctioned by Government within the ceiling to be fixed for each Board.

57.—Miscellaneous— I.—Contributions— (b)—Grants to local bodies for general purposes—Grants to Municipal Boards for special purposes.	Compensatory grant to the Silchar Municipal Board in lieu of the loss in revenue due to the transfer of the Sadarghat Ferry by the Board to the Public Department.	..	5,000	5,000	..	10,000	10,000	The Sadarghat ferry on the Shillong-Silchar Road was the property of the Silchar Municipal Board from which it derived a good income every year. In the interest of public service the Municipal Board agreed to the transfer of the ferry to the Public Works Department which took effect from April, 1949. The Public Works Department themselves were satisfied that the transfer had resulted in a loss of revenue to the Municipal Board. The question of paying compensation to the Board therefore engaged the attention of Government since then. In consultation with the Public Works Department authorities and the local officers and in consideration also of the average income derived by the Board from the ferry during the past years, Government have since arrived at the conclusion that a compensatory grant of Rs.5,000 per annum is justified for payment to the Board and that such payment be given effect to from 1st April 1950. The total sum of grant payable to the Board during the year 1950-51 and 1951-52 therefore amounts to Rs.10,000. Hence a supplementary provision to the extent of this amount (Rs.10,000) in the current year's budget. The provision could not be made in the regular budget as the final decision in the matter had not then been arrived at.
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List of New Schemes to be included in the Budget for 1951-52—*contd.*

Major, minor and sub-head under which provision should be made	Nature of scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost			Estimate of expenditure during 1951-52			Remarks
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	
57.—Miscellaneous— I.—Contributions to the newly established Town Committees for general purposes—Grants to Municipal Boards for general purposes.	Non-recurring grant to the newly established Town Committee at Tihu in the District of Kamrup.	1,000	..	1,000	1,000	..	1,000	A proposal to establish a Town Committee at Tihu was mooted in 1946. After giving due consideration to the proposal, Government decided to allow a Town Committee to be established at Tihu and the same was constituted with effect from 1st June 1951 in view of the pressing demand from the local people. But the Town Committee cannot be run only from their own resources unless it gets financial aid from Government in the shape of a non-recurring grant. It is, therefore, proposed to sanction a non-recurring grant of Rs.1,000 to this newly established Town Committee during the year 1951-52 to give it a fair start and to enable it to be run successfully.
								Most of the newly constituted Town Committees received grants (non-recurring) from Government to start with.

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Hence this supplementary demand for the above grant which is "unforeseen".

82.—Capital Account, Construction of
Refugees Market at
Gauhati (411
shops).

The Public Works Department have been entrusted with the work of construction of the refugee market at Gauhati in connection with the speedy rehabilitation of refugees which is of urgent and imperative necessity. It is therefore essential to provide funds during the current year by a Supplementary Grant for the implementation of the Scheme. The details under "Pay of Officers" and "Pay of Establishment" for one year are as below :—

A.O.W.—Refugees
and Rehabilitation.

B. Establishment—

EXECUTIVE STAFF

	8,36,000	..	8,36,000	3,00,000	..	3,00,000			Rs.
Pay of Officers	16,800	16,800	..	16,800	16,800(a)	1 Temporary Engineer at Rs.600—900 600×12.	7,200	7,200
Pay of Establishment	..	17,148	17,148	..	17,148	17,148(b)	1 Subdivisional Officer (Temporary Engineer) at Rs.200—600 200×12.	2,400	2,400
Allowances and Honorary.	..	11,750	11,750	..	11,750	11,750	5 Temporary Overseers on Rs.120—275 each—5×120×12.	7,200	7,200
Contingencies	6,000	6,000	..	6,000	6,000		(a) 16,800	16,800
Total ..	8,36,000	51,698	8,87,698	3,00,000	51,698	3,51,698			

Ministerial and IV Grade Staff

1 Accountant on Rs. 130—355 per mensem 130×12.	1,560
1 Account Assistant on Rs.100—175 per mensem 100×12.	1,200
1 Head Assistant on Rs.150—200 per mensem 150×12.	1,800
1 Upper Division Assistant on Rs.100—150 per mensem 100×12	1,200
6 Lower Division Assistants on Rs.50—100 per mensem each—50×6×12.	3,600
1 Duftry on Rs.25— $\frac{1}{2}$ —30 per mensem 25×12.	300